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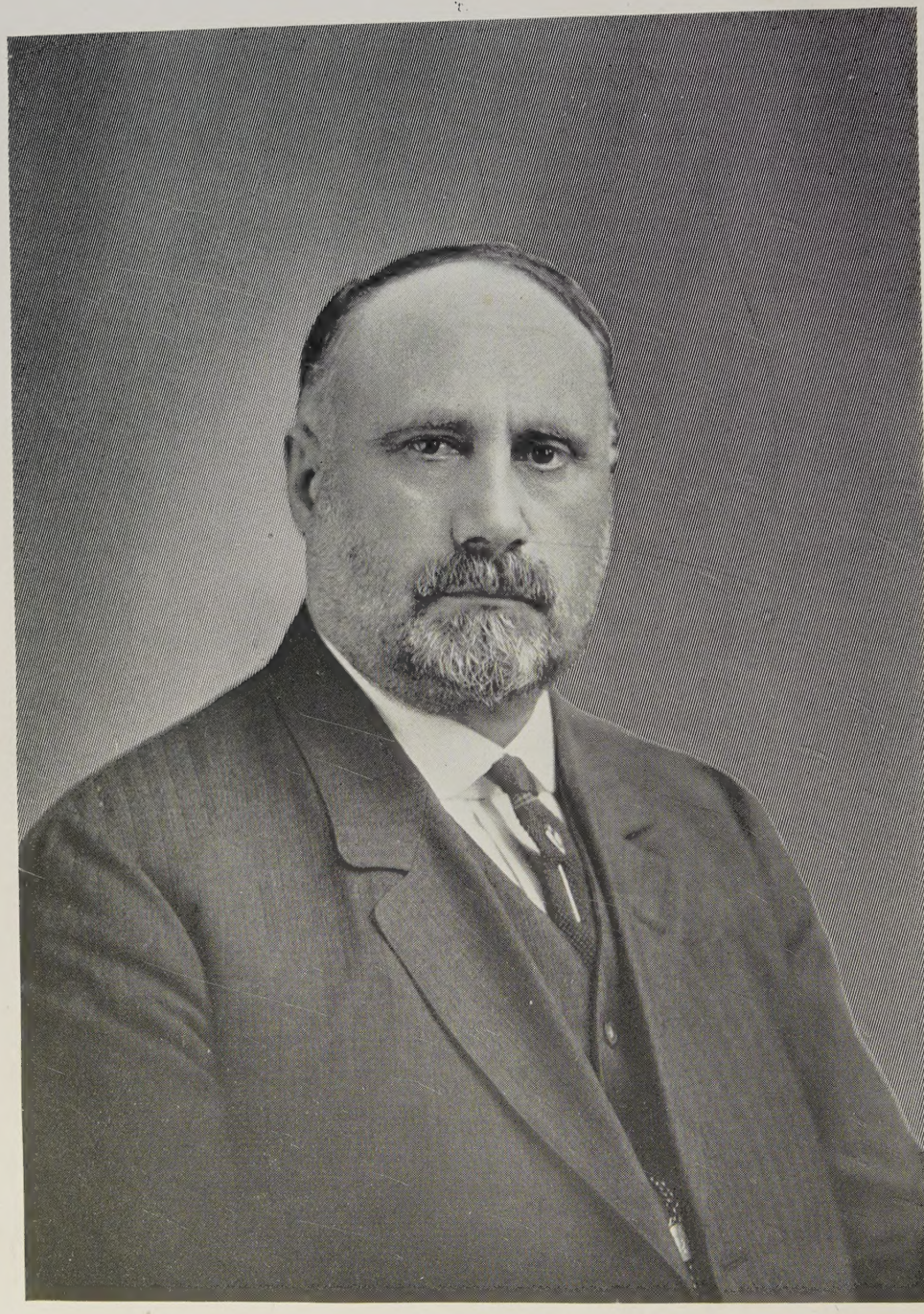


J. J. Dauch

History of Erie County

JACOB J. DAUCH. One of the leading manufacturers of Sandusky, and a successful financier, Jacob J. Dauch, has been a commanding figure in the industrial circles of Erie County for many years, and as president of the Hinde-Dauch Paper Company, and of the Dauch Manufacturing Company, is actively identified with two of the important business concerns of the city. He was born in the City of Sandusky, a son of Philip Dauch, and the grandson of a prosperous German farmer, who spent his entire life in Wurtemburg, Germany.

Philip Dauch, the only member of his father's household to leave the fatherland, was born in Wurtemburg, Germany, in 1820, where, after completing his early education, he served an apprenticeship at the cooper and brewer's trade. In 1847 he immigrated to America, being eight weeks crossing the ocean in a sailing vessel. From New York, where he landed, he came directly to Ohio, and after living in Cincinnati three years, and in Springfield one year, he located in Sandusky, and at once established a brewery on the site now occupied by the Kuebeler-Stang brewery, situated near the Pennsylvania coal docks. Other breweries had previously manufactured ale and quick beer, but he brewed the first lager made in the city. He operated his brewery successfully until 1865, when, having sustained heavy losses through endorsing notes which he had to pay, he gave up his business and retired to a farm in Margaretta Township, where he lived for five years. Removing then to Huron Township, he purchased a farm, and there spent the remainder of his life, passing away at the venerable age of eighty-six years.

The maiden name of the wife of Philip Dauch was Maria Elnora Klotz. She was born in Baden, Germany, in 1831, a daughter of Anthony Klotz, who, in 1833, came with his family to Ohio in pioneer days, settling in the vicinity of Springfield, Clark County, where he cleared and improved the farm on which he spent his remaining days. She was bred, educated and married in Springfield, and now lives on the home farm in Huron Township. To her and her husband ten children were born, two of whom died in infancy. The remaining eight are: Jacob J., Emma Augusta, Regina, Mary Louise, Gustavus, Theodore, William, and Martha.

Obtaining his elementary education in the German and English school located on Camp Street, Sandusky, Jacob J. Dauch afterward attended the rural schools of Margaretta and Huron townships. Subsequently entering the Buckeye Business and Telegraph College, now the Sandusky Business College, he was graduated from that institution in 1876. Returning then to the parental homestead, Mr. Dauch was engaged in tilling the soil until the spring of 1878, when he accepted a position, at $12 a month, as deck hand on a steam barge. At the end of the season he returned to the farm and resumed his former occupation, continuing his agricultural labors. In the spring of 1881 Mr. Dauch removed to Sandusky, and for a time was engaged in the ice business. In the fall of

1881 he purchased the Sandusky Business College, and three years later sold out to B. B. Brown, and again went back to the home farm, where, in addition to general farming, he operated a threshing machine and clover huller and baled hay for the neighbors, carrying on a successful business for five or more years.

In 1888 Mr. Dauch, having acquired an interest in the paper manufacturing business then conducted by Harvey, Hinde & Company, came to Sandusky to devote his time and energies to his new enterprise. Since he became connected with that firm its name has been several times changed, first to Hinde, Hanson & Company, then to the Sandusky Paper Company; later to Hinde & Dauch; and is now known as the Hinde & Dauch Paper Company, with Mr. Dauch as its president.

In 1880 Mr. Dauch was united in marriage with Mary May Wendt. She was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and as a child came to the United States with her parents, Henry and Martha Wendt, who located in Vermilion, Erie County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Dauch have had five children: Elnora L., Leola E., Henry P. (who died aged twenty-one years), Aletha M., and Wade W. Elnora is the wife of Sidney Frohman, who is treasurer of both the Hinde & Dauch Paper Company, and of the Dauch Manufacturing Company. In national politics Mr. Dauch is a republican, but in local affairs he is independent, voting for the best men and measures. Industrious, enterprising and progressive, he is a self-made man in every sense implied by the term, and deserves credit for the high position he has attained, not only in business circles but as a valued and esteemed citizen.

Addison H. Pearl. One of the native sons and honored and influential citizens of Erie County to whom it is specially gratifying to accord representation in this publication is Capt. Addison H. Pearl, who is now living virtually retired in the fine little City of Huron and whose is a commanding place in popular confidence and esteem. It was his to represent his native county as a gallant soldier and officer of the Union in the Civil war, and his entire life has been dominated by the same spirit of loyalty and the same integrity of purpose that thus prompted him to go forth in defense of the integrity of the nation. All of consistency is shown in the following appreciative estimate that has been given by one familiar with the life and services of this sterling citizen: "Captain Pearl is one of those intellectual, reliable citizens whom the public loves to honor and whose good deeds and kind acts are imperishable and will perpetuate his memory in the minds of the people long after his life's work has been finished."

Captain Pearl is not only a representative of one of the fine pioneer families of the historic Western Reserve of Ohio, but is a scion of a family that was founded in New England in the colonial era of our national history, the lineage tracing back to staunch English origin and one of the representatives of the name having been a soldier in the warfare against the great Napoleon.

On a pioneer farm in Berlin Township, Erie County, Ohio, Addison H. Pearl was born on the 24th of March, 1830, and concerning conditions that then obtained in this section of the state it has well been stated that he was born "at a time when not a single railroad crossed this part of the country, when nearly the entire land was covered with dense forests, and the pioneers were engaged in ditching the swamps and felling the giant forest trees, Captain Pearl having become one of the toilers as soon as he was old enough to work."

Captain Pearl is a son of Oliver and Mary (Sexton) Pearl, both natives of Ellington, Tolland County, Connecticut, where the former was born November 10, 1791, and the latter December 5, 1795, their

marriage having been solemnized in their native county in the year 1811. There they began their wedded life in a modest home on a typical little New England farm and to the cultivation of the soil Oliver Pearl there continued to give his attention for eight years, at the expiration of which, in 1819, he traded his Connecticut property for 100 acres of heavily timbered land in what is now Berlin Township, Erie County, Ohio, the township having at that time borne the name of Eldridge and Erie County having been still an integral part of Huron County. He obtained also forty acres of land at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River, and this tract is now a part of the City of Cleveland and of immense value.

In the autumn of 1819 Oliver Pearl provided himself with a proper pioneer equipment of teams and wagons and made ready for the long overland journey from Connecticut to his new home in the wilds of Ohio, this primitive means having been employed in the transportation of his wife and three children and the small stock of household goods and minor farm implements. After weary weeks of travel under frequently most onerous conditions, the family arrived at the little pioneer farm at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River, but the prevalence of malarial fever in that locality led the sturdy pioneer, in consonance with the advice of established settlers there, to continue his journey through the forest to his other tract of land, now one of the fine agricultural domains of Erie County. To make his way to this land Mr. Pearl was compelled to fell the timber for a considerable distance, in order to permit the passage of his teams and wagons, and on the journey he and his family had occasion to pass through the Indian village that was established on the site of the present Town of Milan, eight miles distant from his old homestead. Making a small clearing on his land, Mr. Pearl there erected a primitive house of round logs, which was replaced as soon as possible with a more pretentious dwelling of hewed logs, the providing of which caused him to be looked upon in the pioneer community as a citizen of opulence. The Huron Indians in the vicinity were in the main friendly and it was no uncommon thing for them to call at the homes of the white settlers and ask for food or other entertainment. The conditions and exigencies of the pioneer days have been often told in story and historic record, and it is unnecessary in this article to attempt to enlarge upon this topic. With the effective aid of his sturdy sons, Oliver Pearl reclaimed much of his land to cultivation, and here he continued to reside on his old homestead until after the birth of his tenth child, his death having occurred May 25, 1835, and his name meriting enduring place on the roll of the honored and influential pioneers who initiated and carried forward the arduous work of development and progress in Erie County. Mr. Pearl was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, was instant in kindly deeds and good works, and commanded the high regard of all who knew him, both he and his wife having been prominent in the organization of the pioneer congregation that erected the little Methodist chapel of the neighborhood, and Mrs. Pearl, who long survived her honored husband and passed to eternal rest on the 5th of May, 1884, continued a zealous and devoted member of this chapel until the time of her demise. Of the children all attained to years of maturity except Jerome, and concerning them the following brief data are given:

Oliver S. died in 1883 and left a family of children; Ansel H. died in 1832, at the age of twenty-two years, he having been a mechanical genius and having been employed as a patternmaker in Cincinnati at the time of his death, his young wife surviving him; Mary A. was a young woman at the time of her death, in 1843; William married and became a farmer in Erie County, whence he later removed to Lorain County, where he continued to be identified with the same vocation until

his death, in 1883, his widow having survived him by a number of years and their three sons being still residents of this state; Emeline became the wife of Joseph Ellis and they were residents of Hersey, Osceola County, Michigan, at the time of their death, three children still surviving them and being residents of that state; Albert died while making a trip through the pine forests of northern Michigan, was twice married and is survived by a number of children; Marilla became the wife of Stewart Young, both being now deceased and being survived by children; Addison H., of this review, was the next in order of birth; Harriet, whose death occurred in 1907, was the wife of Deforest Simpson, and of their three children one son and one daughter survive them; Jerome died in early youth.

As previously intimated, Captain Addison H. Pearl early gained in connection with the work of the pioneer farm a full fellowship with arduous toil and endeavor, and after the death of his father he assisted in caring for his widowed mother with all of filial solicitude and devotion. Touching his early educational advantage the following statements have been written: "In winter he attended the subscription schools of the locality and period and his alert mind and close application enabled him to make rapid and assured advancement in scholastic lore, so that by the time he had reached manhood his store of learning was very thorough for his day and has since enabled him to hold his own with the men of intellectual power and broad information."

About the time he attained to his legal majority the construction of the line of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad was being carried forward through this section, and Captain Pearl obtained employment under the overseer of this construction work, in 1852, this executive, Mr. Wackman, having later become general superintendent of the railroad mentioned. Captain Pearl was finally assigned to the supervision of the construction of an eight-mile section of the road, and after severing his association with railroad work he resumed his connection with agricultural pursuits. When the Civil war was precipitated he subordinated all personal interests to tender his aid in defense of the Union, and his record as a soldier will inure to the lasting honor of his name, the fortune of war having not left him unscathed, as he lost the sight of his right eye through injury effected by an exploding shell. Concerning his military career and later activities a succinct narrative has been prepared and is well worthy of reproduction, with but slight paraphrase, in this publication, the context being substantially as follows:

"In 1861, on the 4th day of September, his patriotism found dominating manifestation in his enlistment as a private in the Third Ohio Cavalry. Entering the service, he proved to be brave, judicious and skillful in times of danger, and his ability was recognized by his superior officers by consecutive promotions accorded to him. He was first appointed assistant commissary of subsistence, by Colonel M. Paramore, commanding the brigade, and afterward he served on the staff of Colonel Long until he was promoted to the rank of captain, Colonel Long having succeeded to the command of the brigade. With marked distinction Captain Pearl served in command of his company, which he led in many a dangerous and sanguinary conflict. He was twice captured, but on each occasion his coolness, courage and tact enabled him to escape confinement in a Confederate prison. He was once severely wounded by a bursting shell, and the physical infirmity entailed remains as a tangible mark of his gallant service in perpetuating the integrity of the nation. For eight months Captain Pearl was in charge of the fort barracks and supply station at Columbia, Tennessee. He continued for a protracted period a member of the staff of General Long and for two years and nine months

was in active service as a commissioned officer in the United States Army, his serious wound having finally incapacitated him and resulted in his honorable discharge, his period of service having covered three and one-half years.

"After the close of his distinguished military career Captain Pearl returned to his old home in Berlin township, but it was long after the war before his strength and vitality were sufficiently restored to enable him to return to the labors of civil life. He finally resumed his fruitful activities as an agriculturist and stock-grower, and his industry and good management were not denied their reward. He assumed charge of the old home place, where he continued his services until after the death of his loved mother. While thus engaged in the management of the old homestead the Captain took an active interest in political affairs, as a staunch and well fortified advocate of the principles and policies of the Republican party. At that time Erie county claimed a definite Democratic majority and the Republicans had little show for the election of their candidates. In 1879 Captain Pearl reluctantly accepted the Republican nomination for representative of his native county in the State Legislature. He made an aggressive canvass and this effective work, as coupled with his unqualified personal popularity, enabled him to overcome the Democratic majority normally given, his election having been compassed by a majority of 201 votes. During his two years of service as a member of the lower house of the legislature Captain Pearl made a characteristically excellent record, with loyal efforts to promote wise legislation and with assignment to various important committees, including that on fish and game, and he was made chairman of that body."

Since 1906 Captain and Mrs. Pearl have maintained their residence in the fine little City of Huron, and it may with all of consistency he said that in their native state their circles of friends is limited only by that of their acquaintance. In 1898 Captain Pearl erected his present attractive and modern residence, and the home is a center of generous and gracious hospitality, with Mrs. Pearl as its popular chatelaine. The captain is affiliated with the lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at East Townsend, Huron County, near the old home farm, and at Huron he is one of the most appreciative and honored comrades of Moses Martin Post No. 649, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is serving as chaplain in 1915. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian Church.

In Huron County, on the 19th of September, 1865, Captain Pearl wedded Miss Thirza B. Hyde, who was born in that county on the 11th of December, 1840, and who was a representative of a well-known pioneer family. Mrs. Pearl was summoned to the life eternal on the 30th of April, 1892, and of the children of this union all are living except Emily L., who died in early youth; Ada is the wife of Dr. Edward D. Arndt, a representative physician at Mount Vernon, Ohio, and they have three children—Louisa, Loma and Mary; Edwin S. is advertising agent for the Fairbanks Scale Company in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, and his three children are Priscilla, Mary and Edwin S., Jr.; Allen S. is secretary of a company engaged in the manufacture of electrical supplies in the City of Chicago, and his children are Gertrude, Allen S., Jr., and Elizabeth; William H. is a traveling salesman for the Illinois Electric Company and he and his wife maintain their residence in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana; they have no children; and Augusta A. is a professional and graduated nurse.

On June 12, 1894, was solemnized the marriage of Captain Pearl to Mrs. Eliza I. Murphy, widow of Matthew Murphy and a daughter of Capt. Austin A. Kirby, a distinguished and venerable citizen to whom an individual tribute is paid on other pages of this publication. Mrs.

Pearl first wedded George Kirby, who though of the same family name was not of even remote kinship, and after his death she became the wife of Matthew Murphy, whose death occurred a number of years ago. Mrs. Pearl's only child, Anna M. Kirby, died in infancy.

Captain Pearl has within recent years accorded careful and efficient service in the office of justice of the peace, and he made the same justify its title. He has found also satisfaction and occupation in his service as a pension agent, and his abiding interest in his old comrades in arms has been manifested in the earnest and effective efforts he has put forth in securing pensions for not a few old soldiers meriting such recognition and by obtaining merited increases of pensions for other veterans of the great struggle through which the unity of the nation was preserved. The captain has had no desire for supine ease even in the period of his virtual retirement from active business, and as a notary public he has found much demand for his interposition, besides giving personal attention to the making of collections.

Austin A. Kirby. A strong, loyal and noble spirit was that which found indwelling in the mortal tenement of Captain Kirby, who was one of the most venerable and honored pioneer citizens of Erie County at the time of his death, which occurred in January, 1903, and who was a distinguished figure in the marine navigation service of the Great Lakes for many years, one of the numerous citizens of Northern Ohio who have "gone down to the sea in ships and done business on great waters." His period of residence in Erie County covered more than half a century and he had gained precedence as one of the most able and best known vessel commanders that ever operated on our great inland seas.

Captain Kirby was born at Genoa, Cayuga County, New York, on the 15th of September, 1817, and was a son of Silas and Rhoda (Soule) Kirby, both natives of New Bedford, Massachusetts, where the former was born in 1792 and the latter in November, 1811, their other children who attained adult age having been Allen N., Stephen R., Sarah and Frederick. Silas Kirby was a son of Restcom and Mary (Rogers) Kirby, the former born March 30, 1770, and the latter in the year 1789. Restcom Kirby was a son of Barnabas and Elizabeth (Allen) Kirby, whose respective dates of nativity were December 2, 1744, and the year 1788. Barnabas Kirby was a son of Silas and Elizabeth Kirby, who immigrated from England about the middle of the eighteenth century and became the founders of the American branch of this sterling old Colonial family of New England.

Captain Kirby was a boy at the time of the family removal to Sacketts Harbor, New York, on the shores of Lake Ontario, and when he was a lad of but twelve years he initiated his career as a sailor on the Great Lakes. In 1835, when only seventeen years of age, he became master of the schooner Commodore Decatur, and in the following winter he accompanied his parents on their removal to Oswego, New York, from which port he sailed to Lake Erie ports for the ensuing three years. In the spring of 1839 he went with his parents to the newly admitted State of Michigan and his father became one of the pioneer settlers in Ingham County, in which is now situated the capital city of that commonwealth. The captain was not, however, to be drawn from his allegiance to the lakes and prevailed upon to remain in an inland section of Michigan. In 1840, at Detroit, that state, he became master of the schooner Independence, and he continued in command of vessels of this type until 1844, in which season he sailed as mate of the propeller New York. Thereafter he was engaged in farming in Michigan until 1847, when he again resumed his active association with navigation service on the Great Lakes. For four years he was master of the schooner Forrest, and later

he became commander of the schooner Plymouth, which sailed from Huron, Erie County, Ohio, and which was wrecked and lost in 1852. Thereafter Captain Kirby had command in turn of the schooner Ithaca and the propeller Mount Vernon, and at the close of the navigation season of 1854 he resumed his association with the agricultural industry, only to abandon this vocation in 1856, when he assumed command of the J. P. Kirtland. Thereafter he returned to his Michigan farm, upon which he remained until 1863, when he removed with his family to Erie County, Ohio, and established his home in the little lake port Village of Huron. The following year he sailed on the bark Alice, of Detroit, on the route between Buffalo and Chicago. He was master of the schooner Union for four years and then purchased the H. C. Post, a vessel of which he had personal command until he sold the same, in 1870. In 1871 he had charge of the tug Odd Fellow and in the opening of the following season of navigation he became master of the propeller E. B. Ward, Jr. In 1873 Captain Kirby became commodore of the extensive fleet and shipping interests of Eber B. Ward, of Detroit, with many vessels and vast interests under his supervision. He continued his able and faithful service in this important position until the death of his employer, Captain Ward, in 1875. In May of that year he accepted the position of master of the propeller Minneapolis, plying between Grand Haven, Michigan, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This was one of the fine steamers of the day, was operated in connection with the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad, and was kept in commission throughout the entire year. The captain retained this command until 1880, when he permanently retired from the maritime service and purchased a fine farm in Ionia County, Michigan. This property he soon afterward sold, and he then returned with his family to Erie County, Ohio, and established his home at Huron, where he passed the remainder of his long and useful life. He paid his first visit to this port in 1836, when he was a youth of eighteen years, and he always held secure place in the esteem of the citizens of Erie County. In later years he served as mayor of the city and as justice of the peace, and while a resident of Michigan he had held various public offices of minor sort. The captain was a staunch republican, and he was a charter member of the Huron Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

In 1842 Captain Kirby wedded Miss Elizabeth Ann Robinson, who died in 1847 and who was survived by two infant children, Rhoda C. and Elizabeth A., both of whom eventually married and became residents of the City of Detroit, Michigan. The care of the motherless children was at once entrusted to their aunt, Miss Mary Maria Robinson, who was reared and educated in the City of Syracuse, New York and whose marriage to Captain Kirby was solemnized October, 1847. Of this union were born four children: Isabella, who is the wife of Jabez Wright; Austin A., who is a resident of Detroit, Michigan; Eliza I., who is the wife of Capt. Addison H. Pearl, of Huron, concerning whom individual mention is made on other pages of this work; and Flora M., who died in 1874. Mrs. Kirby was born in the year 1825 and was summoned to the life eternal May 26, 1900, she and her husband having celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on the 25th of October, 1897, and the occasion having been made notable in the social annals of Huron, where the venerable couple had a circle of friends that was limited only by that of their acquaintances. Of Mrs. Kirby it has been said that she was one of those gracious and gentle women who "spent her life in caring for her family and doing good deeds wherever she could find an opportunity. She was so cheerful, so interesting, so lovable that her presence always seemed to brighten and cheer all with whom she came in contact, and her counsel

was sought, on account of her wise, well guarded opinions and her high ideals of right and duty."

James Anderson. It is a grateful distinction to have spent three-quarters of a century in one community, and when those years have been filled with worthy accomplishment and with that old-fashioned spirit of loving kindness, such a career becomes one deserving of admiration and worthy of perpetuation in any history of a county in which it has been spent. Seventy-six years of the lifetime of James Anderson has been spent in Huron Township of Erie County, and his home has been on his present farm in section 22, two miles east of the Village of Huron, on a beautiful site overlooking the broad expanse of Lake Erie, since 1839. More than the psalmist's span of years have given him a host of associations and memories that make this locality for him "the fairest part of the world." His has been both a useful and honorable career. Within the lines of normal but concentrated business activity he has won the prosperity that is most men's ambition, and with admiration for his capabilities in business affairs his fellow citizens also commend his fine integrity and his valuable citizenship. And the honor and credit that go to him are also shared by his good wife, whose life has had special distinctions of its own, and who is one of the true noblewomen of Erie County.

James Anderson was three years of age when his family located in this section of Erie County and of the 150 acres acquired by his father only thirty were in an improved condition. A log house, long since disappeared, occupied the site, and there was a frame barn 30 by 40 feet which is still standing and is one of the old landmarks along the lake shore. A portion of the 150 acres was in Berlin Township. All this land descended to James Anderson, who now owns 250 acres, and it comprises one of the most beautiful farms to be found anywhere along the shores of Lake Erie. For a distance of 1,800 feet the farm borders on the lake shore, and in that state is found one of the finest bathing beaches in Northern Ohio, bearing the name by which the farm is also known: Lake View. As a country home Lake View has manifold attractions. Around the house is a broad expanse of lawn and shade trees, with a beautiful hedge of honeysuckle and many climbing rose vines. Mr. Anderson put up a modern residence in 1880, following the destruction by fire on July 4 of that year of the large brick home which his father had constructed in 1854. The home is only part of a beautiful setting such as no description can well overdraw. But the distinguishing character of these beautiful material surroundings is the spirit and atmosphere lent by seventy-five years of continuous occupation by the Anderson family. No name means so much in Erie County as an expression of that kindly faith, rugged honesty and stability of character which are the most noteworthy assets of any community, than that of "Uncle" James Anderson, a title of affection which descended to him from his father, who was also known by the pioneers as Uncle James Anderson.

James Anderson, whose father was a Scotchman and his mother an English woman, was born in the Surrey district of England January 25, 1836. Though now rapidly approaching the age of four score he is still vigorous and a remarkable exponent of the rational and simple life. He has an unfaded memory and within the last two years has made several trips out over the state and has spent the winter in Florida. His parents were James and Sarah (Baden) Anderson. His father was born in Perthshire, Scotland, at Clackmannon October 7, 1798. The mother was born in Dorking near London, England, October 20, 1802. The Anderson clan was one of distinction in Scotland and for generations

its representatives have dignified their clanship. James Anderson, Sr., was married at Dorking in Surrey, and before leaving the old country two children were born. One of them a daughter, Sarah, was born in February, 1837. Not long after that the little family took passage on the sailing vessel Manchester which after seven weeks on the ocean landed them in New York City. Thence they proceeded up the Hudson River, across New York State by the Erie Canal to Buffalo and then on the lake boat Reindeer to Huron. The senior Anderson left his little family at Huron and set out prospecting for a new home. He went to Mansfield, Ohio, which was then a leading market and popular center but his investigations did not satisfy him. In the course of this prospecting he kept in mind the advice of the captain of the Reindeer, who told Mr. Anderson that good land could be found in the vicinity of Huron. Such a location would have many obvious advantages, particularly on account of its convenience to Huron as a market point. Mr. Anderson, Sr., was a man of some means and was thus enabled to give a great deal of consideration to the matter of choice of a future home, one which would fulfill his ideals. After much search he located the place above described, and in that choice made no mistake, since it was his own happy home for many years and is still the cherished seat of the Anderson family in Erie County. After making his location James Anderson, Sr., went to work with the vigor characteristic of his nature, and in time cleared up and improved a splendid farm. He was a fine type of the early pioneer, attended to his business, prospered, and at the same time was a sympathetic and kindly neighbor and a sterling and most upright citizen. He was a man of influence in local affairs, and in political matters not only adopted those principles which made Northeastern Ohio such a stronghold for the Union, but also impressed his belief and ideals upon his neighbors. From the very beginning of the republican party he was one of its stanch advocates and loyally supported its platform of principles, which he lived to see triumph by force of the Union army. He was one of the leading early Presbyterians of his community, and in 1854 assisted in organizing the Presbyterian Church in Huron, was one of its first elders, served in various official capacities, and gave liberally for the support of the church. James Anderson, Sr., met an accidental death on October 5, 1866. He was driving a span of young horses attached to a wagon loaded with barrels. One of the barrels was dislodged from its position, rolled down and struck one of the horses, frightening them to a runaway. Mr. Anderson fell and the wagon passed over his head, and he died a few hours later. His widow survived him ten years, and passed away in the Centennial year of 1876. She was well fitted to bear the responsibilities of pioneering in a new country, gave character to their early home, and was a devoted mother and greatly loved throughout her community. To their union, after they came to America, were born two sons. Thomas was born in 1843 and died the same year, while John was born in December, 1846, and died in the following year. The only daughter, Sarah, died in May, 1863, a few months after her marriage to Marcellus Atherton.

In 1863 James Anderson, Jr., was married at Huron to Miss Miranda Bartlett. She was born in Fairport, Ohio, April 14, 1837, grew up in Ohio, was educated in the schools of that time, and represented a fine old family. One of her ancestors was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and she was also related to the noted Toombs family of Georgia, one of whom was Senator Toombs, prominent as a whig senator in the United States Congress before the war and subsequently one of the leaders of the Southern Confederacy. Mrs. Anderson, who died many years ago, was the mother of five children. Sarah is the wife of

Charles Seth Brown, proprietor and manager of the Standard Advertising Magazine of Chicago, and well known in the field of advertising; they have a family of one son and one daughter. The daughter, Matie A., who is unmarried and lives at the Anderson home, is a well educated woman and until recently has been active in her profession as a nurse. Carrie I. is the wife of M. H. Laylin, a prominent railroad man of Massilon, being assistant trainmaster and superintendent of motive power for the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway. James Corbin, the only living son, lives at Cleveland, where he is purchasing agent for the E. W. Fisher wholesale plumbing house; he is married and has one son and two daughters, the son being James Anderson, Jr., and it is noteworthy that this is the twelfth James in the successive lineage of the Anderson family. Burton Baden, the youngest child of James Anderson, was killed at the age of seventeen by the discharge of a gun while he was getting upon a wagon; he was at that time attending high school.

On June 7, 1887, Mr. James Anderson married Miss Mary Davey, who is one of the best known women of Erie County. Mrs. Anderson is noteworthy not only for the beauty of her face but also for the fine texture of mind and heart, and has a cherished place in the affections of many who were at one time her pupils when she was engaged in educational work. Miss Davey was born in Huron County, Ohio, near Milan, in 1848. She comes of sturdy stock, of the class which gave to the Middle West many of its strong men and women. Her father, John Davey, was born in Cornwall, England, October 7, 1818, and was a descendant of Sir Humphrey Davey. In early manhood he came to the United States, located in Ohio, and was married at Castalia in Erie County to Miss Elizabeth Palmer. She was of New England ancestry and was born December 18, 1822, at Chenango, New York, and when ten years of age came with her family to Erie County, Ohio. She was a daughter of James and Amy (Ackhorn) Palmer. James Palmer was born in New York State, of Scotch-Irish stock, while his wife was of German parentage. After coming to Erie County James Palmer and wife spent their lives near Castalia, where he was a hotel man, and also a skilled mechanic. After their marriage John and Elizabeth Palmer spent most of their lives on a farm near Milan, where he died at the age of sixty-five, and she passed away at the age of eighty-three in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anderson.

Mrs. Anderson grew up in this part of Northern Ohio, and was well educated in the public schools and in Normal School. She began teaching at the age of fifteen, and spent eighteen years of her life in that noble profession, largely in Erie County. Her work has left many indelible influences for good upon the lives of those whom she helped to train. Mrs. Anderson also developed her artistic taste, was for several years engaged in artistic work, and has more than a local reputation as an artist with the brush, and has more than ordinary skill and style as a writer. Many of her old pupils keep in close touch with her, and almost every year there are gatherings, usually at some picnic resort, where Mrs. Anderson once more presides over a company of her former pupils and renews the many pleasing associations of their earlier relationship. She naturally takes great pleasure in the fact that some of her former scholars have attained prominence in the professions and in politics. In her position as head of the Anderson home she has done much to enrich its associations with the cultured life of Northern Ohio. Mrs. Anderson has interested herself in the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Erie County, and has also been a prominent member of the Patrons of Husbandry, being past master of both the Berlin Heights and the Huron Granges. She has also performed a valuable service as

Government crop reporter for some years, and has filled the position of assistant steward of the State Grange. She is now secretary of the Board of County Visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are prominent members of the Presbyterian Church at Huron, in which Mr. Anderson for a number of years held the office of elder, until declining health and the burden of years made it necessary for him to retire. He has always been an active republican and has voted at nearly all the elections since the formation of that party.

This sketch should not be closed without mention of another member of the Anderson family circle. This is Eberhardt Liebermann, who has for more than forty years lived at the Anderson place, is looked upon as one of the family, had helped to rear children and grandchildren, and all love him as a real kinsman. He was born in Wuertemberg, Germany, about seventy years ago, and came to the United States when about twelve years of age.

J. Stewart McDonald. One of the features of the Standard History of Erie County which will be generally appreciated is the interesting chapter on the Grange movement, prepared and contributed to the publication by J. Stewart McDonald. There is probably no better known and influential figure in the country life of Erie County than Mr. McDonald, who occupies a fine homestead near the Village of Huron. He has spent all his life in this section of Ohio, has for many years been a leader in the Patrons of Husbandry, and is credited with having accomplished more as an organizer and leader in the promotion of the Grange and in the maintenance and extension of its work in Erie and adjoining counties than any other individual.

He comes of very old Scotch ancestry. His grandfather, Rev. Daniel McDonald, was born in Connecticut, but of Scotch parentage. Becoming a minister in the Episcopal Church, he spent his life in that work. From Connecticut he finally moved to New York State, and was pastor of churches at Auburn and other communities. Rev. Daniel McDonald married Miss Phoebe Talmage, who was born near Cheshire, Connecticut. Several years after the death of her husband she came out to Norwalk, Ohio, and died in Huron County when a very old woman. She was devoted to the Episcopal Church and was a very active assistant to her husband in his ministerial service. She was the mother of the following sons: Alexander James, William T., Henry, James, Daniel and Andrew. Rev. Daniel McDonald, by a previous marriage to a sister of his first wife, had one son, Samuel Percy McDonald, who was a college graduate, as was also his half-brother, William T., and both became men of prominence and influence. William T. McDonald was educated for a physician, graduated from Hobart College, but did not practice that profession long.

Alexander James McDonald, father of J. Stewart McDonald, was born in Cheshire, Connecticut, in 1814. He died a few days after casting his vote for James A. Garfield in 1880. After the election he started out to visit a sister of his mother in Cheshire, Connecticut, and died while on the way in the home of one of his cousins in Lyon, New York, very suddenly, passing away in the arms of his wife. In early youth he had accompanied his parents to New York State, grew up and received his education there, and then apprenticed himself to a wagonmaker in Schenectady, serving from the age of eighteen for three years, and each year his wages amounted to only $10, while he boarded himself, but at the expiration of the three years drew his entire $30 from his employer. During the early '30s he came out to Northern Ohio and located at Huron, where he took up the active work of his trade. He was one of the very capable mechanics of that early time, and made the repairs

and also manufactured entire implements for a large community of farmers in that community. He conducted a successful enterprise and continued managing his shop at Huron until 1857. Selling out, he then bought a small tract of land about a mile and a half south of Huron in Huron Township, and turned his attention to farming. From time to time his land was increased until it comprised a fine estate, on which he erected a large modern and attractive home. This farm has been the scene of the agricultural activities of his son, J. Stewart. During the lifetime of the father the estate consisted of 162 acres, and is now the property of his son.

Born in Huron, December 14, 1852, J. Stewart McDonald has since the age of five lived on the old McDonald homestead. He grew up in these surroundings, acquired an education partly from books and partly from actual experience in the work of the woods and the field, and has thoroughly absorbed the spirit of the country and is one of the most sincere and earnest advocates of the attractiveness and wholesomeness of country life. Since the death of his father he has owned and operated a farm, and his own thrift and common-sense ability have effected numerous improvements and have kept him constantly in view as one of the leaders in agricultural enterprise. His work has been that of a general farmer, and he is not only a student of the best methods of increasing soil production but also of those larger movements which so intimately affect the life of the farmer. He has also given considerable attention to the raising of fruit and vegetables.

Every movement that means better living conditions and a higher degree of intelligence and morality in the community has the ready support and co-operation of Mr. McDonald and his sterling wife. They are charter members of the Patrons of Husbandry, Huron Grange No. 1385, which was organized in 1892 with Mr. McDonald as the first master. He has held that office continuously for the past sixteen years, and the position has not only been one of honor but one of serious responsibility and effective leadership on the part of its possessor. Mr. McDonald is also a member of the Farmers' Institute. Thus there is probably no one better constituted as an authority to write upon the Grange movement in Erie County. Politically he has always acted with the republican party, and has rendered that great organization more than lip service. He has been for many years chairman of the township republican committee, and for six years served as township trustee, and for a long time was a member of the school board. Fraternally he is well known in Masonic circles in Erie County, belonging to Marks Lodge, F. & A. M., at Huron; Milan Chapter, R. A. M.; Sandusky Council, R. & S. M., and Sandusky Commandery of the Knights Templar.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, by their marriage, have a daughter, Helen Marion, who, after graduating from the Huron High School, went to the Oberlin College and graduated from that institution in 1913, specializing in the department of physical culture and has made that her special field in educational work. She has been the director of athletics and physical culture in the Y. W. C. A., San Antonio, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald are active members of the Episcopal Church at Huron. This was the church of both his grandfather and father, and he has given it every expression of his religious nature and activity. The church was organized in 1827, and he is now one of the three senior wardens, and has held that post in the church for a number of years. His daughter is a member of the same religious faith.

Capt. John M. Willson. Erie County had no finer character among its old settlers than the late Capt. John M. Willson, whose last years were spent in quiet retirement at the beautiful home overlooking Lake

Erie near Huron in section 3 of Berlin Township, where Mrs. Willson is still living at the venerable age of past fourscore. For half a century Captain and Mrs. Willson had lived together as man and wife, and they fully deserved the wealth of affection and esteem that surrounded them both in early and later years.

John M. Willson was born at Whitestown, Oneida County, New York, July 4, 1825, and lived to be a few weeks beyond seventy-six years of age. He was of an old American family, of Scotch or English origin. His grandfather was Charles Willson, probably a native of Massachusetts. The father was Lucius Willson, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and when a young man located in Oneida County, New York. Lucius Willson married Betsey Bateman, a native of New York State. Betsey Bateman was a daughter of Frederick B. and Catherine (Brewer) Bateman, who were natives of Holland and came when young to America, locating in Erie County, New York, where they married and spent the rest of their lives on a farm near Henpeck, what is now probably called Sandusky, New York. The Batemans were a long lived family. Frederick Bateman had a special fondness for his granddaughter, Mrs. John Willson, and when one hundred and eight years of age as a mark of his affection for Mrs. Willson he walked three miles each way in order to have a photograph taken for her. This photograph shows him as a remarkably well preserved man in spite of more than a century of life. He lived three years beyond the time of this photograph, and passed away at the age of one hundred and eleven. His wife was also a centenarian. Mrs. Willson has a photograph of this venerable woman when she was nearly a hundred, and her death occurred at the age of one hundred and eight. Frederick Bateman served as a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and after he was a hundred years of age was granted a pension for his services. Two years after the election of General Grant to the presidency in 1868, Frederick Bateman was invited to become a guest of the President at Washington, and he was preparing to make this trip at the expense of the Government when he died.

In 1833, after their marriage, Lucius Willson and wife came from Western New York to Ohio, locating at the Village of Vermilion in Erie County. In the following year Lucius Willson died, while still in the prime of life. His widow subsequently removed to Clinton, Michigan, to live with her daughter by marriage, Mrs. D. H. Willson, and died there when seventy years of age. She and her husband were both Baptists.

The death of the father left the mother and her seven small children in straitened circumstances. The late Captain Willson was at that time nine years old, and the children were all "put out" with different families in the neighborhood. John found a place with a kindly and substantial Lake Erie farmer, Isaac Fowler, who took the pains to erect a log house on his land for the boy and his mother, and both lived there for a number of years. Captain Willson was regarded as one of the Fowler family, and the Fowler children called him Brother John even up to the day of his death. He early gained the respect of people at home and in the neighborhood by his faithfulness to duty and diligence, but at the age of seventeen, like most boys, determined to make his own way in the world independently. As he had always lived within sight of the blue waters of Lake Erie, he was drawn to the vocation of sailor, and first shipped on the schooner William Woodbridge, commanded by Capt. James Monroe, an old salt originally from Nantucket. He sailed with this master for two seasons, following which he was in the employ of a Vermilion firm, and next with Stevens & Ryan of Milan. He was on the schooner Plymouth from 1848 to 1852 with Capt. A. A. Kirby.

The Plymouth was sunk in a collision with the passenger steamer Northern Indiana, being struck amidships and sinking in five minutes in the lake off Cleveland. Luckily all on board were taken to the steamer Northern Indiana, including Captain Willson's wife and baby. Captain Willson while sailing the Great Lakes rose from galley boy to master, and saw much of his service on the lake before the waters had been charted. He was known as a trusty sailor, and one of his captains said when Captain Willson died: "John was a good man, one to be trusted in all kinds of weather, and as good a sailor as ever walked the deck of a vessel." For a number of years Captain Willson was engaged in the fitting out of schooners. He fitted out the Live Oak and the Cape Horn of Huron, the Hawley of Milan, the John Weden of Toledo and many others. In 1858 he retired from this business to the quiet of home life at his wife's beautiful place overlooking Lake Erie. During his absence on the lakes he had left the farm management to Jacob Sarr, a boy of sixteen, who lived in Captain Willson's family for more than nine years, and is now one of the substantial citizens of Northern Ohio. It would be difficult to imagine a more beautiful and interesting place than the home in which Captain Willson spent his last years and still occupied by Mrs. Willson. It is a beautiful tract of thirty-six acres, lying along the shore of Lake Erie, and a portion of the old Stephen Meeker homestead.

On January 27, 1851, Captain Willson married Roseanna M. Wright. Mrs. Willson was born at the old home in Berlin Township on the shore of Lake Erie February 18, 1833, grew up there and spent all of her wonderfully active and interesting life near the lake and close to the scenes of her birth. Though now eighty-two years of age, she still has a wonderfully accurate memory, and is almost unexcelled as an authority on local history. On the clear panorama of her mind are impressed the events of more than sixty years, and she has a fluent expression for all that is important and essential in the life of this community during that time. Everyone in Berlin Township knows and loves "Aunt Roseanna," as she is affectionately known, and aside from the experiences and activities of her lifetime her best distinction is this love and respect which she has so fully merited.

Mrs. Willson represents one of the finest old families located in Northern Ohio during the pioneer times. Her parents were Norman L. and Maria G. (Meeker) Wright. Her father was born in Watertown, New York, June 4, 1807, and her mother was born in Reading, Connecticut, June 28, 1811. They were married in Ohio March 28, 1829, at Huron, Erie County, and not far from the shores of Lake Erie, where they spent the rest of their lives. Norman L. Wright was a clerk and for a number of years was connected with the transportation business on the Great Lakes. He died in Berlin Township October 10, 1846, and his widow survived until May 26, 1893. Norman L. Wright was a son of Freedom and Jerusha Wright, of New York State, where they lived and died as substantial farming people. Freedom Wright was born June 22, 1748, and died August 10, 1825, while his wife was born June 12, 1765, and died when in advanced years. Both were members of the Baptist Church.

Maria G. Meeker, the mother of Mrs. Willson, was a daughter of Stephen and Polly (Platt) Meeker. The record of Stephen Meeker has a most appropriate place in any history of Northern Ohio, particularly Erie County. He was born in Vermont January 28, 1781, while his wife was born October 24, 1778. They were married in Redding, Connecticut, in 1800, and in the following year left Connecticut and by means of ox teams journeyed as far west as Buffalo, New York, and then came by sailing vessel to Huron, in Erie County, being of the same class of Con-

necticut people who colonized the Western Reserve and laid the foundations of civilization which have ever since given character to this section of Northern Ohio. When they arrived at Huron they found hardly a hamlet, and all the country back from the lake shores was a wilderness filled with Indians and wild animals. Stephen Meeker located a place at Florence in Erie County. Ohio had been a state only a few years, the great bulk of population in the new state being in the south along the Ohio River Valley, while only a fringe of settlements marked the lake shore. After one year in Erie County Stephen Meeker returned to Connecticut, and brought back to Ohio on horseback $700 in gold. With this money he bought 700 acres of land at $1.00 per acre, fronting on the lake shore for two miles and extending back about 200 rods. A permanent settlement was made on this land in 1813, and there not far from where Mrs. Willson now lives, Stephen Meeker built his first habitation, a log cabin, with all the primitive furniture and equipment that went with frontier life. In one of the logs of the cabin wall holes were bored, pins were inserted, and slats laid across, thus making the bedstead. This was only a sample of all the crude furniture with which they did their housekeeping for several years. It was not long until the Indians became troublesome, largely through the incentive of the British Government, and while Stephen Meeker remained behind to fight and hold his own, he sent his wife and daughter back forty miles to the settlement at Rocky River. Stephen Meeker was a blacksmith and gunsmith and soon after planting his home near Lake Erie set up a smithy. In the following year the War of 1812 began between Great Britain and the United States. The Meeker shop was visited by Gen. William H. Harrison during his memorable campaign against the British and Indians. The general was in a great hurry when he arrived at Mr. Meeker's place and offered the latter $16.00 if the blacksmith could shoe his horse in fifteen minutes. Mr. Meeker accepted the office without hesitation, and won the reward. From Mrs. Meeker General Harrison bought butter and other supplies for his staff, and paid her $1.00 a pound for the butter. While not an eye witness to Perry's victory on Lake Erie, Stephen Meeker could hear the guns, and like all his neighbors suspended business to await the news of the outcome. It was a critical time in the lives of many people along the shore of Lake Erie. It the British fleet triumphed, it would mean the immediate abandonment of all the settlements, since the inhabitants would be captured or killed, and all were accordingly very jubilant when the news came that Perry had fought and vanquished the enemy. In spite of all these vicissitudes resulting from war and turbulence, from the lack of mills, markets and settled institutions, Stephen Meeker gradually worked his way into prosperity, cleared off some of the woods from the land, and became a grower of grain, using the flour to replace the early continuous diet of fish and wild meat. He was thrifty and progressive, and in 1821 erected a substantial brick house, the first in the county. He was also more or less active in politics, and some years before his death was elected to the office of probate judge in Erie County. Stephen Meeker and wife were strict Presbyterians of the blue stocking type, but after coming to Ohio joined the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Willson is the only living child of her father's family, and is one of the few living descendants of her grandfather Meeker. All her life she has been a member of the Baptist Church and for many years sang in the choir. To her and Captain Willson was born only one child, John H., who died when twenty months old. Mrs. Willson has many interesting things in her beautiful home near Huron, and probably no place in Erie County has more attractive memories and associations. She still keeps the baby dress which her mother made for her in 1832

and which was her first garment after she came into the world. She also has the silver spoons which her grandfather made more than a century ago.

PELTIAH J. CLARK. It is a grateful distinction to have spent more than three-quarters of a century in one community, and when those years have been filled with worthy accomplishments and with that old-fashioned spirit of loving kindness, such a career becomes one deserving of admiration and worthy of perpetuation in any history of a county in which it has been spent. Peltiah J. Clark, who is now living partially retired on his half urban and half rural home at Berlin Heights, is one of the oldest native sons of Erie County, where his career has been as honorable in all its relations as it has been prolonged.

Peltiah J. Clark was born not far from Ceylon Junction at Harper's Corners in Berlin Township, April 25, 1837, a son of John and Asenath (Kemp) Clark. Both his parents were born in the State of Vermont, his father at Rutland in 1802, and his mother in 1812. His mother was a daughter of Moses Kemp. The latter and his wife came to Ohio at the same time as the Clark family and lived and died as farmers in Berlin Township, and were laid to rest in Peek's Cemetery. Moses Kemp died in 1842 and his wife a little later. He was a whig in politics.

John Clark and wife were married in Vermont, and while there their daughter Mary was born. About 1835-36 they came to Ohio, making the trip as far as Buffalo by the Erie Canal, and thence by boat to Huron. They located on Old Woman's Creek in Berlin Township, near the community known as Harper's Corners. There in the midst of the woods they built a log cabin, and with Indians as neighbors and wild game in abundance to supply their larder, they lived for several years the primitive existence of pioneer people. John Clark died there April 20, 1849, and his wife passed away on the 20th of May in the same year. They were laid to rest side by side in Peek's Cemetery. Their daughter Mary, who was born in Vermont, died soon after the family came to this county. The daughter Joanna went West after her marriage, and the last information concerning her was from South Dakota. Henry G. is a bachelor and now lives in Toledo and is eighty years of age. The next in order of age is Peltiah J. Daniel died in Berlin Township at the age of sixteen and Miles died at the age of fourteen. Lucy died after her marriage to Harrison McDonnell, and the latter and their only daughter Millie now live in Huron County.

After the death of his parents Peltiah J. Clark, who was then twelve years of age, went to the home of Amos Hine. Mr. Hine died four years later, but he continued to live with his wife Polly Hine until twenty-one years of age. In the meantime he had received the instruction afforded by the local school, and may be said to have started his independent career with nothing except the associations of an honored family name, and with good mental and physical qualifications for a life that must succeed through independent efforts. For three years he was a renter, and in the meantime had married, and then bought seventy-two acres on the shore of Lake Erie along what is now the Market Street road in Berlin Township, not far from Ceylon Junction. Mr. Clark in that location began the career of steady prosperity which has continued down to the present time. He improved his land with excellent farm buildings, and continued to reside there until the spring of 1895. In that year he moved to Berlin Heights, and in 1896 bought twenty-two acres of land, fourteen of which were within the corporation limits and eight just outside. This home is now marked by an attractive dwelling

house, many improvements, well cultivated fields, and an excellent orchard.

On November 25, 1860, Mr. Clark was married near Shinrock, in Berlin Township, to Miss Helen M. Hendrickson, who was born in Berlin Township October 20, 1842. With the exception of nine years during which time her parents lived in Sullivan County, New York, she spent practically all her life in Erie County. Her parents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Schoomaker) Hendrickson, the former born in Ulster County New York, in 1811, and the latter in Sullivan Cemetery in 1813. They were married in Sullivan County in 1833, and started housekeeping on a farm in that community. While living there their first child, Benjamin Hendrickson, was born in 1834. In 1835 the Hendrickson family set out for Northern Ohio, making the trip by canal as far as Buffalo and thence by boat to Huron. Jacob Hendrickson lived for a time on rented land, and in 1846 the family returned to New York State, making the journey with covered wagons and teams. After they returned to Sullivan County, New York, four children were born, but all of them died in infancy. In the early part of 1856 they all came back to Erie County, and Jacob Hendrickson died in Berlin Township in 1876 and his widow in 1896. Of their children the only two living are Mrs. Clark and her brother, Michael Hendrickson, whose home is in Berlin Township, and who was the father of ten children, one of them deceased and eight of them married.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark became the parents of two children. Gertrude is the wife of Dr. George W. Hine, a sketch of whom will be found on other pages. Herman P., who was born in 1876, now occupies the farm which was his birthplace and which belonged to his father on the shore of Lake Erie. Herman Clark married Maud Jeffries of Berlin Township, and both were schoolmates in the Berlin High School. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have membership in no church, but in their relations as neighbors have found and accepted many opportunities for practical charity and for doing good according to the golden rule. Mr. Clark is a republican.

Nathan Hoak. There are probably not half a dozen farms in all Erie County which have had a continuous ownership by one family through a hundred years. This is one of the distinctions that belong to the home of Nathan Hoak in Berlin Township on Rural Route No. 1 out of Milan. The Hoak family was established in this part of the western wilderness prior to the second war with Great Britain and Nathan Hoak represents the third successive generation to live and make a home in Berlin Township.

The Hoak family came originally from Holland. Nathan's great-grandfather, Henry Hoak, was born in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, May 22, 1745, and spent many years there as a farmer. He was about thirty years old when the War of the Revolution broke out, and enlisted with a Pennsylvania regiment for service in that struggle, and in the course of his service was taken prisoner and died while on a British prison ship. He probably married a Pennsylvania girl, and both were known to have been members of the Methodist Church.

John Hoak, a son of this Revolutionary soldier, and grandfather of Nathan, was born in Beaver County, Pennsylvania. He grew up as a farmer in his native county, and married a kinswoman, Rebecca Hoak, who was born in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, April 26, 1786. After their marriage, about 1811 or 1812, they journeyed west by canal and lake to the mouth of the Huron River, came up that stream to what was known as the Wagoner Flats, and after living there one year and raising one crop which was destroyed by a flood, came on to what is now the

western line of Berlin Township and secured direct from the Government a tract of land covered by a heavy growth of fine timber. Here in the midst of the woods they made their home and constructed for their habitation a block house, designed as much for protection against wolves and human enemies as shelter from the weather or domestic comfort. This block house stood not far from the site occupied by the comfortable dwelling of Nathan Hoak. At the time John Hoak and wife settled in this section it was said there were only three other white men in that part of Erie County. In order to raise the timbers of the house they had to secure Indians to assist. John Hoak was a fine type of the early settler, but was too generous to be successful in a material sense. He frequently put his name to the notes of his friends, and for that reason finally lost his farm as a result of security debt. His wife was one of the pioneer noble women, and in the early days of Erie County was noted for her physical endurance and her ability as a horsewoman. Several times she rode all alone to Perrysburg, Ohio, seventy-five miles away through the wild country, making the trip in a day and returning on the following day. On the uplands around her home during the season she picked large quantities of huckleberries, and would take a load of these to Sandusky sixteen miles away, sell them and do her marketing, and return in the same day. Having lost his farm John Hoak and wife went out to Indiana during the '50s and settled in LaGrange County. He found employment with a man who was taken down with the smallpox and while performing his offices as a nurse likewise contracted the disease and died prior to the Civil war. His wife died there several years later. Both were members of the Methodist Church.

Soon after coming to Erie County John Hoak made the trip up Lake Erie to Windsor, Canada, and bought a number of fruit trees, which he planted on his pioneer farm. This was one of the first orchards in Erie County, and his grandson Nathan has carefully preserved the few remaining specimens of this orchard, and still has one pear tree and one apple tree on the farm. These are so far as known the oldest fruit trees in Erie County, and more than a century has passed since they were set out. They bore fruit for fully two generations. The Hoak family were living in this section of Erie County at the time of the great victory won by Perry on Lake Erie at Put-in-Bay, and the sound of the guns could be plainly heard. At that time the young wife and her two children remained in hiding in the woods near her home, since she could see the light of a campfire not far away, and feared it might mark the camp of a party of hostile Indians. On the following day it turned out that a band of Kentucky riflemen, a detachment of General Harrison's Army, was in that region.

The children of John Hoak and wife were: Sarah, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1807; Elizabeth, born in the same state in 1810; Ruth, born in Erie County in 1812; Rebecca, born in 1814; Henry; Nancy, born in 1821; Mary, born in 1824; Jerusha, born in 1826; and George, born in 1829. All these children married, all had children of their own except Mary, and one of them, Jerusha, is still living in LaGrange County, Indiana, nearly ninety years of age.

Henry Hoak, father of Nathan, was born in Erie County June 23, 1817. He grew up on the old homestead where his parents had located and which they had partly improved, and after the property was foreclosed by Judge Baker, the son Henry entered into an agreement to buy it back for the amount then due and the additional court costs, and thus save for this brief interval, the farm has been in one family ownership for more than a century. Henry Hoak was a man of great industry, an able farmer, and became one of the most masterful agriculturists in

the entire section. At one time his farm was given the first prize in a county contest of farms. A short time before the Civil war he built a substantial brick house, bringing the brick from Milan Township, while the doors and all the wooden framework was made by hand from logs taken from the farm. He also put up generous barns and for years his place was noted for its product of fields and its fine stock. Henry Hoak died on the old homestead June 26, 1886. He was reared as a Jackson democrat in politics but afterwards during the war became a republican, and was always a conservative in his political and social ideas. Henry Hoak was married in Berlin Township to Lucy Tuttle, a sister of the well known author, Hudson Tuttle. She was born in New York State March 10, 1813, and died on the old homestead at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Sipp, on February 23, 1909, only a few years less than a hundred years of age. She was reared and educated in Berlin Township, was a devoted wife and mother, and kept the powers of her intellect and body fresh and vigorous until a short time before her death. Her family were among the early settlers of Erie County, and her parents were Nathan and Maria (Monroe) Tuttle, who secured a tract of new land on coming to Berlin Township and eventually developed a good farm out of it. Her father died when past ninety and her mother was also quite old.

Nathan Hoak was one of five children. His sister Maria, now living in Milan Township, is the widow of John Millman, and she has two sons and one daughter, all of whom are married. Ruth died at the age of nineteen. John is now a retired farmer at Norwalk, Ohio, and has one son and three daughters living, all of them married except the youngest daughter. The next in age is Nathan, Caroline is the wife of Charles Sipp, a farmer who occupies part of the old Hoak homestead.

On the old Hoak farm, most of which he now owns and occupies, Nathan Hoak was born December 26, 1848. He was given a substantial education, and at the age of twenty started out in life as a teacher and was highly successful in that profession which he followed in his home township and county for several years. Later he bought and still owns fifty-two acres east of the old home, lived there two years, but then returned to the home farm to take care of his mother during her declining years. He now owns a hundred acres of this farm and has continued its development according to the high standards set by his able father. As a stock man he gives his attention primarily to Durham cattle and Chester White hogs. His fields show little falling off in the productiveness for which they were noted in earlier years, and he grows large crops of grain and potatoes. Mr. Hoak has been one of the prominent farmers in Berlin Township for the past forty years. He has held nearly every office in the County Fair Association and is now superintendent of track. His father was a vice president and a director of the association many years, and the products of the Hoak homestead have probably won as many blue ribbons at the local fair as have been awarded to any one farm in the county. Mr. Hoak's father was the first man to be honored with the office of master of the Berlin Heights Grange No. 345, Patrons of Husbandry, and at the present time Nathan Hoak holds the same office, and has been prominent since the beginning of the organization. His wife is likewise active in the Grange. He is a member of the blue lodge of Masons at Milan and a charter member of and active in the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Berlin Heights since it was organized twenty-eight years ago. Mr. Hoak has served as trustee of the township and is the type of substantial citizen who well merits the honors and rewards of civic position. For a number of years in addition to his farming activities he has been a stock buyer and shipper.

In Huron Township in 1874 Mr. Hoak married Miss Della Hughes, who was born in Huron Township June 26, 1857, and was reared in the country and in the Village of Huron. She is a daughter of George and Margaret (Everett) Hughes, both of whom were natives of Erie County and spent most of their lives on a good farm in Huron Township. Her father died there about forty years ago, and her mother passed away at the age of seventy-five. They were members of the Universalist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Hoak are likewise of the same faith.

Truman Benjamin Taylor. Among the old families of Erie County the Taylors have had a prominent place from the time when the State of Ohio was on the western frontier. Fully a century has elapsed since the company of Connecticut colonists journeyed westward and established themselves in the wilderness of Perkins Township. Of the several distinctive families in that party the Taylors were of special prominence. A fact of pioneer history which has often been little mentioned is that the first settlers of any community, through their leadership, their relations in family or friendly ties with later commerce, and through their public spirit in guarding the moral integrity of the community, often exercise a far-reaching and invaluable influence on the social and economic welfare and give a vital direction to the subsequent destiny of their locality. The Taylors and their associates in pioneer settlement were all people of substantial New England stock, moral and upright and thrifty, and in many ways the influences and results of their lives can be traced in the history of Erie County.

In 1815 a colony was organized at Glastonbury, Connecticut, for the purpose of making settlement in the Ohio wilderness. This colony comprised the following heads of families: Joseph Taylor, Sr., his sons Joseph and Jesse Taylor, Eleazur Bell, Julius House, Pliny Johnson, Harvey Corelle, Roswell Eddy, Roswell Hubbard, Halsey Aikens and Dr. Richard Christopher. It will be recalled that the date was ten years before the opening of the Erie Canal, and right at the beginning of the great westward movement which in a few years peopled all the country west of the Alleghenies up to the Mississippi. The means of transportation were of the most primitive nature. America at that time had no railroads, and there were no canals across the mountains. The colony from Connecticut therefore made the entire journey with wagons and teams. To some of the wagons were attached two pair of oxen and a horse, and to others one pair of oxen and a horse. In the wagons were carried the household goods, provisions and farm implements, and everything not needed was sacrificed and left behind, including many comforts to which these families had been accustomed in the East. Along the way they camped out at night, and spent forty-nine days in travel. This brought them to what was then Huron County, now Perkins Township of Erie County.

Arriving in this wilderness, Joseph Taylor, at that time the head of the Taylor family, bought land, improved a farm, and spent the rest of his days in Erie County. Both he and his wife are buried in one of the old cemeteries in Perkins Township. He was twice married and had children by both wives.

In the next generation special attention is called to Jesse Taylor, one of the sons of Joseph. Jesse Taylor was born in Glastonbury, Connecticut, March 14, 1783, and was about thirty-two years of age when he came to Northern Ohio. He also bought land, situated about seventy rods east of the brick church in Perkins township, and there built a log house which continued to be the home of the Taylor family for a number of years. He improved his land, was an industrious worker, a prosperous citizen, and did his share in the moral and civic upbuilding of

Mr and Mrs Truman B Taylor

the community. His death occurred October 26, 1852. Jesse Taylor married Julia House, a twin sister of Julius House, who was a prominent pioneer and whose name is mentioned in the above list of early settlers in Perkins Township. She died October 28, 1867, having reared three sons and two daughters: Ellery, Julius, Dennis, Maria and Eliza.

Dennis G. Taylor, who was in the third generation of the Taylor family in Erie County, was born in Perkins Township May 4, 1821. As a boy he attended one of the pioneer schools of the county, and early learned lessons of industry while helping subdue the wilderness and in cultivating the farm. He afterwards succeeded to the ownership of the old Jesse Taylor homestead, and was not only energetic and active but was possessed of unusual business ability. Besides farming, he dealt in farm implements and live stock and was a highly influential member of the community. He added to the improvements of the old home, and left it with a good set of frame buildings at the time of his death on November 3, 1896. Dennis Taylor was married in 1844 to Phebe Ann Wright, who was born in Galen Township, of Wayne County, New York, November 24, 1822. Her father, Benjamin Belden Wright, was born on a farm near Cold Springs, a few miles below Poughkeepsie on the Hudson River, and about 1820 removed to Wayne County, where he was an early settler, lived there until 1834, and then came to Ohio and settled in what is now Berlin Township of Erie County. There he improved a farm and lived until his death. He was a man of unusual education for his time, and among other influences by which he impressed his individuality on the community was as local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Benjamin Wright married Nancy Baker. Mrs. Dennis Taylor was educated in the Norwalk Seminary in Ohio. One of her instructors in that institution was Edward S. Thompson, who subsequently became a bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and who officiated at the ceremony which united her in wedlock with Dennis Taylor. She died March 19, 1895.

Of these last-named parents the only son and child was Truman Benjamin Taylor, who was born in Perkins Township February 10, 1846, and has for many years been prominent in Erie County as a farmer and stock man and also as a banker at Sandusky. As a boy he had the advantages of a good home, with surroundings of culture and moral and uplifting influences, and through his own career has lived up to the standards set him by his forebears. He attended the rural schools, and in 1865 was graduated from the Sandusky High School. He then took a course in the Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York, and on graduating from that institution returned home and took up the life of a farmer. He also sold farm implements and farm produce, and eventually succeeded to the ownership of the splendid old estate on which his grandfather had settled a century ago. That was his home, though in the meantime his interests had extended to the City of Sandusky, until 1909. Having built a beautiful residence on Wayne Street, he then removed to the city, and now enjoys the comforts and luxuries of a city home.

Mr. Taylor was married December 5, 1872, to Mary Jane Eddy, who is likewise of the old pioneer stock that settled Perkins Township 100 years ago. She was born in Perkins Township, October 11, 1849, a daughter of Joseph and Caroline (Akins) Eddy, and is a granddaughter of Roswell and Hannah (Taylor) Eddy, her grandfather's name appearing in the list of pioneers above given. Mrs. Taylor died April 6, 1914. There were three children: Carrie Edith, born January 8, 1874, died January 13, 1876; Bert Eddy, and Nellie. Bert married Belle Vernon Jones, while Nellie is the wife of Cary W. Hord and has a son, Burton Taylor.

Mr. T. B. Taylor was one of the organizers of the Citizens' Banking Company of Sandusky, and is one of the three charter members still living. He served as president of the institution twenty-two years, resigning on account of ill health, and now officiating as chairman of the board of directors. He was also one of the promoters and was treasurer of the company that built the Sandusky Short Line Railroad, and was one of the builders of the Sandusky, Milan & Norwalk Electric Railroad, the first interurban electric line in Ohio. He was president of the company until the property was consolidated with other electric lines in Northern Ohio. Mr. Taylor was one of the charter members of Perkins Grange, No. 637, Patrons of Husbandry, and was its first secretary. He has long been identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was married and of which his wife was a devout and consistent member.

Robert A. Koegle. Prominent among the trustworthy and competent men who are so ably safeguarding the public interests of Sandusky is Robert A. Koegle, who is serving wisely and satisfactorily as city treasurer. A native-born citizen, his birth occurred, April 22, 1871, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Koegle, on Water Street.

John G. Koegle, Sr., the paternal grandfather, was born, reared and married in Baden, Germany, where as a young man he learned the carpenter's trade. In 1845 he came with his family to America, the land of hope and promise, being several weeks crossing the broad Atlantic in a sailing vessel. From New York, where he disembarked, he came across the country to Ohio, locating in Sandusky, then a comparatively small place. For a number of years he was employed in the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad shops, continuing his residence here until his death, in 1896. His wife's maiden name was Gegas. She reared five children, as follows: Christina, who became the wife of Capt. Jacob Haas; Frederick; John G., Jr.; and August.

Born in Baden, Germany, in 1839, John G. Koegle, Jr., was about six years old when he came with the family to Sandusky. In the public schools of his new home he acquired a practical education, and while yet a young man was for a while an engineer on a steamboat, after which he served as a member of the local fire department for a number of seasons. Now, a hale and hearty man of seventy-six years, he is in the employ of the Hinde & Dauch Manufacturing Company. He married Margaret Kellar, who was born at Crestline, Crawford County, Ohio, of German ancestry. Her father, John Kellar, a native of Germany, immigrated to the United States in early manhood, locating in Crawford County, Ohio, in pioneer times. Purchasing land that was still in its primitive wildness, he hewed a farm from the forest, and there spent the remainder of his life, passing away at the venerable age of eighty-three years. His wife preceded him to the better world, dying at the age of seventy-seven years. John and Margaret (Kellar) Koegle reared seven children, as follows: William F., Elizabeth S., Robert A., Joseph, Henry, Christina and John G., Jr.

Having laid a substantial foundation for his future education in the elementary schools, Robert A. Koegle was graduated from the Sandusky High School with the class of 1889. The ensuing three years he was employed as a clerk in the drug store of Arnold & Henkleman, after which he worked for Lewis A. Biehl for a period of seven years. In 1899 he became junior member of the firm of Close & Koegle, his partner being Frank Close, with whom he was associated until 1907. In 1908 Mr. Koegle embarked in the wholesale and retail drug trade as a member of the firm of Uthe & Hiltz Company. Subsequently disposing of his interests in that firm he clerked for W. A. Graham for a few months, resigning that position to accept that of deputy county auditor, an office

that he held from October, 1909, until the fall of 1913. Elected city treasurer at that time, Mr. Koegle has since filled the important and responsible position, rendering excellent and appreciated service to his fellow-townsmen, who have perfect faith and confidence in his financial ability.

Mr. Koegle married, December 22, 1904, Bertha S. Hahn, who was born at Milan, Ohio, a daughter of Henry and Bertha (Kromer) Hahn. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Koegle has been brightened by the birth of three children, namely: Wilbur H., Richard H. and Robert A., Jr. Mr. Koegle has served several years as a member of the Sandusky Board of Waterworks. Religiously he belongs to the Evangelical Church. Fraternally he is a member of Sandusky Aerie No. 444, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and of Sandusky Herd No. 471, Loyal Order of Moose.

HENRY J. SCHILLER. An active member of the legal fraternity of Erie County, Henry J. Schiller has been successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession at Sandusky for ten years, during which time he has won a fair share of patronage. He was born in 1873, on a farm in Perkins Township, Erie County, Ohio, a son of George Schiller.

His paternal grandfather, Frederick Schiller, a German by birth and breeding, spent his entire life in Bavaria, being there engaged in mercantile pursuits. Two of his sons immigrated to this country, George, who became a resident of Ohio, and Frederick, who settled in Canada, on Pelee Island, which is located in Lake Erie, north of Sandusky.

Born August 29, 1830, in Bavaria, Germany, George Schiller attended school regularly until twelve years old, when he began an apprenticeship of five years at the trades of a baker and miller, his father paying the baker 50 cents a month the first two years, instead of the boy receiving any money for his work, although during that time he was allowed to attend school a part of each year. The baker, however, gave him $2 a month the last two years of his apprenticeship. In 1853, deciding to try the hazard of new fortunes, he embarked on a sailing vessel for America, and after a tempestuous voyage of eighty-three days landed in New York. He followed his trade for a time in Brooklyn, and then went to Cincinnati, where he secured work as a truck gardener with a Mr. Biegler. Coming to Erie County in 1863, he bought a tract of land on the Columbus Pike, in Perkins Township, and for a while carried on general farming. Later he was engaged in the baking business at Sandusky for three years, but subsequently returned to Perkins Township, where he continued his agricultural labors until his death, April 13, 1897.

The maiden name of the wife of George Schiller was Mary Biegler. She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, November 29, 1838, and is now living, since the death of her husband making her home with her children. Her father was born and bred in Bavaria, and there married. Immigrating to the United States in 1837, he established himself in Cincinnati as a building contractor, and met with success in his labors. He was energetic and enterprising, and used to burn all the lime and brick he required in the construction of buildings. He and his good wife reared five children, Katherine, Margaret, George, Mary and Kate. Of the union of George and Mary (Biegler) Schiller twelve children were born, namely: William, deceased; Anna; Gustav; Charles, deceased; Albert; Edwin; Henry, deceased; Henry J. and John H., twins; George; Alma, and William.

As a boy and youth Henry J. Schiller attended the rural school of District No. 5, in Perkins Township, in the meantime helping his father on the home farm. At the age of sixteen years he began an apprenticeship of three years in Frank's bakery, and subsequently, for two or three seasons, sailed the lakes during the summer and worked at his trade winters. Then, for a period of twelve years, Mr. Schiller was employed

as a baker at the Soldiers' Home, and while thus engaged made diligent use of his leisure time by close and intelligent study completing the Sandusky High School course, and passing the examination at Columbus. He also pursued the study of law to some purpose, in 1906 being admitted to the bar. Since that time he has devoted his time and attention to the practice of his profession, and to the buying and selling of real estate, in both lines of business meeting with much success.

On September 15, 1897, Mr. Schiller married Lillian Virginia Lowe, who was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, a daughter of John and Anna (Leigh) Lowe, the former of whom was a native of Virginia, and the latter of Bavaria, Germany. Her paternal great-grandfather served as a soldier in both the Revolutionary war and in the War of 1812. Her grandfather Lowe was captain of a Pennsylvania battalion during the Civil war and lost his life while in service. Five of his brothers-in-law fought in the Confederate army during that conflict. Her father, John Lowe, enlisted in the Third West Virginia Cavalry during the Civil war, and under command of General Custer took part in various engagements, and still later served in the United States Regular Army.

On August 30, 1905, Mr. Schiller, in his efforts to rescue a youth from drowning in the Sandusky Bay, jumped from the dock, and after being twice pulled under the water safely landed the young man on dry ground. For this brave act the United States Congress awarded him a silver medal, and in addition he received a Carnegie medal and $1,500 in cash from the Carnegie Hero Fund.

Politically Mr. Schiller has always been actively identified with the republican party. He cast his first vote for William McKinley as governor of Ohio, and subsequently had the pleasure of twice voting for the same candidate for president. In 1904 he was a candidate on the republican ticket for representative to the State Legislature. Fraternally he is a member of Science Lodge No. 50, Free and Accepted Masons.

Walter Davlin. Now living retired in Sandusky, Walter Davlin, at the age of eighty-two, has a retrospect covering the most important epochs in Erie County's development. He lived as a boy in the wilderness here before railroads were thought of, and the strength and energy of his own body have helped clear away the virgin forests and wrest the land from the dominion of the wilderness. During the greater part of his active career he was a farmer and stock raiser, operating several of the fine farms in this county.

Walter Davlin was born in Courtright Township, Delaware County, New York, March 8, 1833. Hs father, Walter Davlin, was born in Lisnerdin, County Armagh, Ireland, March 17, 1797, and was the only member of his father's family to come to the new world. He grew up and married in his native county, and when he came to this country in 1826 he brought his wife and three children. The voyage was made in a sailing vessel, at that time the only means of crossing the Atlantic, and the vessel was six weeks between ports. Purchasing land in Courtright Township the elder Davlin set up a dairy and sent his butter to New York City. His wife's sister's husband, Peter Smith, at that time had a sales stable in the city, and Walter Davlin was one of his horse buyers in the country. Peter Smith left the East and in 1834 became a pioneer of Ogle County, Illinois, securing some extensive tracts of land, including the present site of Rochelle, in which town he subsequently engaged in banking and acquired a fortune.

In 1837 Walter Davlin, Sr., also left New York State, selling his farm and bringing his family and some of his household goods to Ohio. The journey was made by canal to Buffalo and thence by lake steamer to Huron. He had already visited this section and selected a home in the

interior of Huron County, where he settled with his family. His first place was about ten miles southwest of Milan, but he later bought land seven miles from that town, and finally removed to a tract of land in Huron Township of Erie County, which was his home until his death on September 8, 1877.

The elder Davlin married Jane Foster, who was born in County Armagh, Ireland, May 15, 1802, and died in Erie County, August 25, 1884. She and her sister Sallie, wife of Peter Smith above mentioned, and their brother John and family were the only ones of her father's family to come to America. Jane Foster Davlin reared ten children, namely: Margaret, Sally, Joseph, Mary Jane, Samuel, Walter, Eliza, Matilda, Nancy and Fanny.

A boy of four when the family came to Ohio, Walter Davlin has only faint memories of the incidents of the journey. At that time Erie was a part of Huron County, Sandusky was but a hamlet, and much of the surrounding country uncleared and sparsely settled with an abundance of wild game to satisfy every desire of the hunter and trapper. As a boy he attended one of the pioneer schools held in a log cabin, with the crudest of furniture and comforts and with the typical curriculum of that period. Habits of industry were fastened on him by discipline with the ax and plow beginning when he was still of tender years. It was all a splendid preparation for his own practical career. In 1863 he purchased land in Townsend Township, and started independently as a farmer and stock raiser. He had ambition, energy and judgment, and prospered year in and year out. The surplus was invested in more land until he and his wife owned, including her inheritance, upwards of 2,600 acres, situated in both Sandusky and Erie counties.

Mr. Davlin was married May 10, 1863, to Ann J. Whitmore, who, by a former marriage, had two children, Carrie and John. She was born in Huron Township, Huron county. Her father, John Whitmore, was a native of Leicester, Livingston County, New York, born May 29, 1816. His father, George Whitmore, supposedly was a native of New York State, but John Whitmore, of the preceding generation, was born in Holland, and coming to America in colonial times located on Long Island. The Whitmores subsequently removed to Pennsylvania, where, during an Indian uprising, five of the family were made prisoners, while the oldest son, Philip, was killed. In 1830 George Whitmore, accompanied by his wife Margaret and children, came to Ohio and located in that part of Huron County now Margaretta Township of Erie County. There were two sons, William and John, and five daughters, Rachel, Mary, Eleanor, Kate and Jeanette. In 1837 John Whitmore married Marcia (Swift) Chapman, of Erie County, and they settled in a new home in Townsend Township of Sandusky County. The country was still meagerly populated and with little land cleared. John Whitmore soon opened a store of general merchandise and established a service which was of great value to his neighbors, who showed their appreciation by furnishing him a trade that grew in volume and made him very successful. His prosperity also took the form of land, and at his death on January 1, 1881, he left 1,342 acres, including several well improved farms. His wife was the daughter of Simeon Swift, and by her first husband, Jay Chapman, had three children: Jane, wife of Enoch Beebe; Jay, who married Mary A. Childs; and Henry, who died in boyhood. Mrs. John Whitmore died January 17, 1864, and by her second marriage Mrs. Davlin was the only child. John Witmore, her father, was a man of courage and ability and stood among the first citizens of his generation. He combined his success with a liberality which caused him to extend a helping hand to all those in need. His wife was also an industrious and capable woman, and assisted him in the achievement of his success. John Whitmore was all

his career a democrat, and though voting and helping his party to success, he was too busy himself to accept public honors.

Mr. and Mrs. Davlin have reared five children, named William, Marcia, Sallie, Margaret and Ann. William married Effie Skilliter, and their five children are Grace, Helen, Margaret, Walter and Ruth. The daughter Marcia married Elmer Dills, and has two children, Edna and Walter. Sallie became the wife of Charles Neill, and her two sons are William Homer and Charles Justin. Margaret married Lewis Quinn and has a daughter named Julia Ann. Ann, the youngest, is the wife of William Quinn, and their children are Lucile and Arthur Walter. Mrs. Davlin, the mother inherited the charitable traits of her father, and her goodness has extended beyond her own home to practical benevolence to many in need. She became a member of the Episcopal Church at Clyde in 1896. Mr. Davlin reached manhood about the time the great political issues were drawn for the struggle between the North and the South, and like thousands of northern young men was drawn into the ranks of the new republican party, and has voted with it since it nominated its first presidential candidate. He was at one time postmaster of the Village of Whitmore, where for several years he conducted a general merchandise store.

JOHN A. GIEDEMAN. A man of keen foresight, vigorous will, possessing an undoubted capacity for business, John A. Giedeman is intimately associated with the banking interests of Sandusky as president of the American Banking and Trust Company, being at the head of one of the leading financial institutions of the city. A native of Germany, he was born at Kappel am Rhein, Baden, which was likewise the birthplace of his father, John Giedeman, and the village in which his paternal grandparents spent their entire lives.

Born in 1822 John Giedeman was left an orphan when quite young, but was fortunate enough to find a good home with relatives. Leaving school at the age of fourteen years, he served an apprenticeship at the shoemaker's trade, one of the most remunerative of all trades at that time, when all shoes were made by hand. He subsequently worked as a journeyman shoemaker in the fatherland until 1851, when, accompanied by his wife and only child, he came to America, crossing the ocean in a sailing vessel, for ninety-three days battling with wind and wave before touching the shores of New York. Coming from there to Ohio, he proceeded first to Buffalo, where he secured passage on a schooner for Sandusky, his point of destination. Very soon after his arrival he opened a shop on East Jefferson Street, and was busily employed at his trade until 1862. Enlisting then in Company G, Sixth-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, he went south and was in active service under Generals Buell, Sheridan, Rosecrans and Thomas. With his regiment he participated in many of the more important battles of the Civil war, including those at Shiloh, Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge, and was with Sherman's command in the Atlanta campaign, taking part in all the engagements en route to Atlanta, and assisting in the siege and capture of that city. Subsequently, going with General Thomas's command in pursuit of Hood's army, he took part in the battles at Franklin and Nashville, and continued with his regiment until the close of the conflict, when he was honorably discharged from service.

Returning to Sandusky, John Giedeman entered the employ of Stoll & Koch, and served as foreman of their store on Columbus Avenue until the firm was dissolved by mutual consent. He then continued in the same position with Mr. Stoll, who became sole proprietor of the business, until another change was made in the personnel of the firm, Mr. Koch

selling out to Mr. Stoll, his former partner, and John A. Giedeman, the subject of this sketch. With the new firm, Koch & Company, John Giedeman continued as foreman of the shop until his death, September 27, 1882.

John Giedeman married Theresa Faist, who was born in Baden, Germany, in the same locality that the birth of her husband occurred, in 1822, and died in Sandusky, Ohio, March 17, 1908. Her parents were life-long residents of Baden, and in the Village of Kappel their nineteen children were born, sixteen daughters and three sons. Eight of the daughters came to America, and all married and reared families. Mr. and Mrs. John Giedeman reared but two children, namely: John A., the subject of this sketch, and Sophia, wife of Hon. Phillip Buerkle.

A child of fifteen months when brought by his parents to this country, John A. Giedeman was educated in the parochial and public schools of Sandusky. At the age of twelve years he began life as a wage-earner, becoming cash boy in the dry goods store of H. Converse & Son, who sold out a year later to George March & Brother. Continuing with the new firm six years, Mr. Giedeman was advanced during that time to the position of salesman, and when March Brothers sold out to E. H. and R. M. Wilcox he continued as salesman for them for a period of eight months.

Engaging then in business on his own account, Mr. Giedeman formed a partnership with William Koch, and as junior member of the firm of Koch & Company opened a boot and shoe store on the south side of Water Street, between Columbus Avenue and Jackson Street. Seven years later he purchased his partner's interest in the establishment, and for a time run the business alone. He then sold a half interest to John Homegardner, and continued as head of the firm of Giedeman & Homegardner until 1904, when he bought out his partner, and again became sole proprietor. In 1909 Mr. Giedeman admitted George H. Uberle and Frank Sheably into partnership and withdrew from the active management of affairs, although he still retains an interest in the business, which is being successfully carried on under the firm name of George H. Uberle & Company. In the meantime he had become financially interested in the Commercial National Bank, and served as one of its directors until July, 1909, when he resigned to accept his present position as president of the American Banking and Trust Company, the affairs of which he is administering very successfully, and to the eminent satisfaction of all concerned. He is likewise officially connected with various other corporations, being a director in both the Sandusky Telephone Company and the Dauch Manufacturing Company and the president of the Saving, Building and Loan Company.

Mr. Giedeman has been twice married. He married, first, in 1875, Miss Katherine Homegardner, who was born in Sandusky, where her parents, John and Mary Homegardner, were pioneer settlers. She died November 20, 1901, leaving three children, namely: Cora, now wife of Thaddeus Green; Edith, and Catherine. Mr. Giedeman married, second, September 27, 1904, Mrs. Katherine (Wagner) Crotty, widow of Thomas Crotty. She was born in Cleveland, where her father, John Wagner, located as a pioneer on coming to this country from Germany, his native land.

Religiously Mr. Giedeman and his family are members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Fraternally he is a member of Sandusky Council No. 546, Knights of Columbus; of St. George Court No. 238, Catholic Order of Foresters; of Sandusky Aerie No. 444, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and of Sandusky Branch No. 27, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association.

William Coles. A business record of forty-five years is the honorable distinction of William Coles, who has spent most of his life in Sandusky, and whose energy in the management of his own affairs has also at different times been diverted for the public benefit through different public offices he has held.

William Coles was born in Peterboro, England, March 14, 1845, a son of Isaac Coles, who was born in the same locality. Though the grandparents spent their lives in England, three of the sons, James, Stephen and Isaac Coles, all came to America and all became early residents of Sandusky. James died a few years ago leaving one son, while Stephen has no children. Isaac Coles grew up and married in England, and about 1848 came to America, accompanied by his wife and three children. They made the voyage on a sailing vessel, being six weeks on the sea, and after landing at New York came west to Sandusky. This was then a small settlement, and a large part of the land now included in the city was covered with trees and hazel brush. During 1849 Isaac Coles was employed in driving horses to draw freight cars up and down Water Street. Only the older citizens can recall that somewhat primitive railroad. The rails were wooden stringers, covered with strap iron. This employment led Isaac Coles to a trucking business in 1850, and he began operating a two-wheeled dray. During the cholera epidemic in the city he carried the dead to the cemetery on this vehicle. That old cemetery was located on Pearl Street. Isaac Coles continued in the general dray and transfer business twenty-five years, and after that lived retired until his death at the age of eighty-six. He married Sarah Escom, who was born in England and died at the age of eighty-one. She reared twelve of her fourteen children, namely: Harriet, William, Stephen, Jane, Phebe, Nettie, Fanny, James, Isaac, Thomas, Polly and Sally. The first three were born in England.

William Coles was three years old when brought to Sandusky, and owing to the large family at home and other conditions his education was much neglected, and from the time he was eight years old he began to be self supporting. He was employed in different kinds of work, with attendance at school only during the winter months. While still young he bought on credit a team and began hauling freight around the city. He went at this work with the same energy which has characterized all his activities, paid for the team in a short time and then bought other teams and equipment and set up as a general contractor in the freight and transfer business. He continued this business in growing proportions with offices on Railroad Street until 1909, and has now completed fully forty-five years of business activity.

On December 24, 1864, Mr. Coles married Jane Bayless, who was born in England, and was the only member of her father's family to come to America. During the Christmas season of 1914 the Coles family and many friends celebrated the auspicious event of the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Coles. They reared five children: Sarah E., William, Mary, John, Alfred. Sarah E. lives with her parents. William met his death by accident at the age of twenty-one, while John died at the age of nineteen, and Alfred died in childhood. The daughter Mary is the wife of Dr. F. F. Lehman, and has two children.

Mr. Coles is affiliated with Perseverance Lodge No. 329, F. & A. M. For many years his fellow citizens have imposed upon him important responsibilities of a public nature. He served as a member of the board of education eight years, as a member of the board of safety six years, and also in the city council. While on the board of education the Seventh and Ninth Ward schoolhouses were built, and while he was on the board of safety two new fire steamers were bought for the fire department,

the No. 5 Engine House was built, also the No. 3 Engine House and the Ninth Street bridge. During his membership in the city council the paving work was done on Columbus Avenue, Market Street, Tiffin Ave nue, Wayne and Hancock streets, and during that time he was chairman of the committee on paving.

Hon. George C. Beis. Energetic and decisive, and liberally endowed with natural legal talent and ability, Hon. George C. Beis, who holds a distinctive position among the leading attorneys-at-law of Erie County, is successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession in Sandusky. A son of George J. Beis, he was born in Waterville, Lucas County, Ohio, of German ancestry, his paternal grandparents having been lifelong residents of Germany. Two of their sons immigrated to America, George J. and Charles, who settled in Wyandot County, Ohio.

Born and educated in Baden, Germany, George J. Beis left home in early manhood, coming to the United States in search of a favorable opportunity for advancing his financial resources, and being sixty-two days in crossing the Atlantic in a sailing vessel. Landing in New York, he proceeded by way of the Hudson River and the Erie Canal to Buffalo, and thence by lake to one of the ports of Ohio. Making his way across the country to Galion, Crawford County, Ohio, he there served an apprenticeship at the brewer's trade, that having been at a time when the brewing business was conducted on a much smaller scale than at present, the brewers making their own barrels, so that he became proficient in both brewing and coopering. Settling in Waterville, Lucas County, he was successfully engaged in the brewing business until 1873, when he bought a tract of land near by, and was there employed in agricultural pursuits until his death. He married Rosina Allion, whose parents emigrated from Germany to America with their large family of children when she was six years old, settling first in Pennsylvania, from there coming to Ohio and locating in the vicinity of Waterville. She died in 1893, leaving six children.

An ambitious student in his youthful days, George C. Beis acquired a practical knowledge of books in the public schools, and at the age of seventeen years began his career as a teacher in Providence Township, Lucas County, and subsequently taught one or more terms each year for three years, in the meantime reading law in the office of Scribner, Hurd & Scribner. Entering the senior class of the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, in 1882, he was there graduated in 1883 and immediately admitted to practice in Michigan. Instead of remaining in that state he came directly to Erie County, and after being admitted to the Ohio bar in Columbus commenced the practice of his profession in Sandusky, where he has met with unquestioned success.

Mr. Beis married Lucinda M. Zerbe, who was born in Sandusky, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Zerbe. Mr. and Mrs. Beis are the parents of three children, namely: George A., Jeannette and Mary Elizabeth. After his graduation from the Sandusky High School, George A. Beis entered the University of Michigan, his father's alma mater, and in 1912 was graduated from the literary department of that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Later he entered the law department of that university and was there graduated with the class of 1915. Jeannette Beis, also a graduate of the Sandusky High School, is now, in 1915, a student at the Western Reserve Woman's College in Cleveland.

Mr. Beis cast his first presidential vote in favor of Grover Cleveland, and has since been an earnest supporter of the principles of the democratic party, serving ably as chairman of the Democratic County Com-

mittee, and in 1888 was the democratic candidate for presidential elector of his home district. Prominent in the administration of public affairs, Mr. Beis was elected probate judge of Erie County in 1890, and in that position served most satisfactorily to all concerned. He was elected city solicitor of the City of Sandusky in 1885, and was reelected in 1887 and 1889, resigning the office of solicitor to take the office of probate judge.

Judge Edmund B. King. Among the men whom Sandusky and Erie County have long since learned to value for their personal character and ability of service is Judge Edmund B. King, who has for fully forty years been actively identified with the bar in that city and is a former judge of the circuit bench. Judge King is a man who conceives citizenship as a duty involving unremitting service in the general interests of the community. He exercised a wise choice in making the law his profession, and he has long stood as one of the leaders of the Sandusky bar.

Edmund B. King was born in a log house in Mentville Township of Medina County, Ohio, on the 4th of July, 1850. His family were among the early settlers of Northern Ohio. His father, Cyrus King, was born in the Town of Pompey, Onondaga County, New York, while the grandfather, Joel King, was a native of Rhode Island and of colonial ancestry. Joel King brought his family out to the wilds of Onondaga County about 1810, and was one of the early settlers at Pompey, where he spent the rest of his life as a farmer. Cyrus King acquired a good education in the common schools of New York State, and as a young man learned the trade of carpenter. At the age of twenty-one he started for the West, making the journey by the lake from Buffalo and landing at Cleveland, which was then a very small city. He was employed at his trade there during the summer season and taught a country school in the winter. As carpenter it should be mentioned he assisted in erecting the first buildings of the Western Reserve College at Hudson, and was also employed a time at his trade in Akron. After that for several years he was a resident of Wadsworth Township in Medina County, where he alternated his trade and his work as a teacher but after his marriage bought fifty acres of land in Mentville Township, three miles from the City of Medina. About half of this land was cleared, and the rest in heavy timber. A log house and a small frame barn constituted the bulk of the improvements. There he began the solid work of his life, following his trade part of the time and also superintending the operation of the farm, to which he subsequently added fifty acres. Late in life he left the farm and lived retired in Medina until his death at the age of eighty-two years and six months. Cyrus King married Harriet Bennett, who was born in Wadsworth Township of Medina County, where her father, Timothy Bennett, was a pioneer settler. Mrs. Cyrus King died at the early age of twenty-seven.

Judge King spent his early boyhood and youth on the old farm above mentioned, and in the meantime attended the country schools. He was ambitious to acquire a higher education, and partly with such assistance as his father could give him and partly from means earned by his own labor he attended the public schools of Medina City and also the Oberlin Academy and took a course in Baldwin University. During his student days he was a teacher, and taught two terms in Townsend Township of Huron County. He took up the study of law in the office of Wickham and Wildman at Norwalk, and was admitted to the Ohio bar in August, 1873. In October of the same year he was elected prosecuting attorney for Medina County and filled that office until the fall of 1875, when he resigned in order to locate in the City of Sandusky. He was soon recognized as one of the coming lawyers and now for many years has controlled a large and profitable practice.

Edmund B. King

On February 26, 1874, Mr. King married Emma Hackett, who was born in Huron County, Ohio, a daughter of Abner and Hannah Hackett. Judge King and wife have two children, Cora and Clifford M. Cora is the wife of Thaddeus Graves of Hatfield, Massachusetts, and has three children, named Elizabeth, Edmund King and Janet. Clifford M., a graduate of the Western Reserve University with the degree A. B., and from the technical department of Cornell University with the degree in civil engineering, is now practicing his profession, and married Edith Davis.

Judge King cast his first presidential vote for General Grant and has been a stanch republican for many years. He was elected presidential elector in the campaign of 1888, and sat as a member of the Ohio Constitutional Convention of 1912, and did some valuable work in framing the present organic law for the state. In 1894 he was honored by election to the office of judge of the sixth judicial district, and filled that position nearly five years, finally resigning in order to resume his private practice. He has for many years been an active member of the Ohio Bar Association, and in 1904 was a delegate to the Universal Congress of Lawyers and Jurists at St. Louis. Outside of his profession his chief business interest is as president of the Lincoln Stove Company of Fremont. Judge King is affiliated with Lodge No. 50, F. & A. M.; Sandusky City Chapter No. 72, R. A. M.; Sandusky City Council No. 26, R. & S. M.; Erie Commandery No. 23, K. T.; Alkoran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland; Toledo Consistory, A. A. Scottish Rite, and is a Mason of the thirty-third degree. He is a past grand commander of the Knights Templars of Ohio. At one time he was active in the Ohio National Guard, serving as second lieutenant, later as captain and finally as major in the Sixteenth Regiment, Ohio National Guard, from 1880 to 1897, inclusive.

Mary Clemons Dewey. Some of the first families of Sandusky and Erie County are represented by Mrs. Mary Clemons Dewey, whose own career has been one of exceptional service and length. She is perhaps the oldest native citizen of Erie County, and following the death of her husband, which left her a mother with two children, she took up the work of teaching and for forty years was connected with the public schools of Sandusky.

Mary Clemons Dewey was born October 18, 1832. Her father was Elijah E. Clemons, who was born in the Town of Hiram, Maine, February 21, 1803, a son of John Clemons, also a native New Englander. John Clemons came out to Ohio in 1819, and was one of the pioneers of Sandusky, which was at that time a village in the midst of the woods and its chief prosperity was as a lake port. John Clemons reared six sons and one daughter, named Carey, John, Alexander, Elijah, Andrew, William and Eunice, who married Daniel Newton.

Elijah E. Clemons, who was sixteen years old when the family came to Sandusky, had only a limited education, but was a man of good business ability and judgment. He learned the trade of cooper, worked at it in Sandusky until after his marriage, and then bought a tract of land about three miles out on the Columbus Pike. There he erected a shop for his work as cooper, also opened a tavern, and cultivated a small tract of land. At that time there were neither railroads nor canals in this part of Northern Ohio, and Sandusky was a market and shipping point for the grain raised by farmers for a hundred miles back from the lake shore. During certain parts of the year the Columbus Pike was a thoroughfare for almost a continuous procession of wagons bearing all kinds of traffic, and one of the favorite places of entertainment for the drivers was the Clemons Tavern. Elijah E. Clemons was in a fair way to becoming a prosperous man until his death at an early age on December

27, 1836. He married Hannah Gregg. She was born July 11, 1806, in New York State. Her father, Benjamin Gregg, was probably also a native of New York State, came out to Ohio during the early settlement days, making the trip on a sailing vessel from Buffalo and landing at Venice, then a flourishing village. He bought a tract of timbered land on the Columbus Pike, three miles south of the Sandusky courthouse, and was engaged in farming there until late in life, when he removed to Sandusky and died in 1865 at the age of eighty-nine. Benjamin Gregg had a family of several children. Mrs. Dewey's mother, after the death of her husband, assumed so far as possible the responsibilities of managing the farm and the tavern, and kept the old home until her death in August, 1848. She reared five children, named Sarah, Carey, Mary, Hiram and Marcella.

Mrs. Dewey was educated in the rural school near Sandusky and later attended the Sandusky High School. At the age of eighteen she married Royal Dewey, who was born in Poultney, New York, in 1825. His father, Jeremiah Dewey, was a native of New England and came to Sandusky in the early days, where he was one of the first to engage in the jewelry business, and for several years was the only jeweler in town. He died of cholera during the fatal year 1849. Royal Dewey learned the jewelry business under his father and became exceedingly expert as an engraver. He worked at his trade for his brother Hiram for some time, and afterwards was in business for himself until compelled by ill health to retire. His death occurred in 1859 at the age of thirty-four.

Mrs. Dewey, thus left a widow with two children to support, began teaching school. Her first term was at Marblehead, beginning in the spring of 1860. In the fall of the same year she removed to Sandusky and opened a select school. With the improvement of the public schools this institution became unprofitable, and she was then made one of the teachers of the city schools and continued in that work forty years, during which time she taught children, children's children and even grandchildren.

Mrs. Dewey's two children were Ella, who died at the age of twenty years, and Hiram, now a commercial salesman living in Cleveland. Hiram Dewey married Clara Stapleford and has a daughter named Ethel. Mrs. Dewey, though an octogenarian, is well preserved physically and mentally, and has a host of friends, particularly among her old pupils. She occupies a cozy home at 1017 Adams Street.

George J. Doerzbach. Prominent among the native-born citizens of Sandusky who have spent their lives within its boundaries, aiding in every possible way the city's growth and advancement, whether relating to its social, commercial or financial interests, is George J. Doerzbach, clerk of the Erie County Board of Elections.

The youngest son of Christopher and Louise (Schweitzer) Doerzbach, he received a practical education in the public schools, in 1888 being graduated from the Sandusky High School. Beginning his active career a short time later, Mr. Doerzbach was for ten years associated with his brothers, G. William Doerzbach and Fred C. Doerzbach. He was subsequently identified with the music business for eight years, being in company with John F. Renner during that time. The partnership being dissolved, Mr. Doerzbach began writing insurance, and has continued in that line of industry ever since. For the past five years he has rendered efficient service as clerk of the board of elections, a position for which he is well fitted.

Mr. Doerzbach married, in 1896, Sallie Belle Rodgers, a daughter of Hazard Rodgers. She comes of honored and patriotic ancestry, being a direct descendant of a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and is a member

of the Daughters of the Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Doerzbach have one son, Roger Henry Doerzbach.

Politically Mr. Doerzbach cast his first presidential vote for Benjamin Harrison, and has since been an earnest and consistent supporter of the principles of the republican party. Active and influential in fraternal circles, he is a member of Science Lodge No. 50, Ancient, Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of Sandusky City Chapter No. 72, Royal Arch Masons; of Sandusky City Council No. 26, Royal and Select Masters; of Erie Commandery No. 23, Knights Templar; and is likewise a member of Sandusky Lodge No. 285, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is past exalted ruler, and at the present writing is the secretary. His chief recreation is bowling, a health and strength giving sport in which he excels.

Conrad D. Eckler. Inheriting from his ancestors the habits of industry, thrift and economy characteristic of the German people, Conrad D. Eckler, of Sandusky, has steadily climbed the ladder of prosperity since coming to this country, and has attained high rank among the men who have gained success in the industrial world, his patronage as a painter and decorator being large and remunerative. He was born November 29, 1849, in the Village of Neumoerken, Kress, Melsunger, Cassel Hesse, Nassau, Germany, which was also the birthplace of his father, Justus Henry Eckler.

His great-grandfather Eckler, a Hessian soldier, came to America with the English army during the Revolutionary war, but did not remain very long, as his regiment, which was taken by the American forces on the field of battle, was recaptured by the English and sent back to Germany. Before coming to America he had made over all of his property to his sister, and it is supposed that when he did so he intended to remain permanently in this country. A skillful horticulturist, he subsequently had for many years the entire charge of the fruit trees that were planted along the streets of Neumoerken, and belonged to that village, it being the one in which he spent the larger part of his long life of ninety years.

The paternal grandfather of Conrad D. was a farmer by occupation, and a life-long resident of Neumoerken. He reared two daughters and three sons, as follows: Elizabeth, Martha, Justus H., Henry and George. All of these children immigrated to the United States and settled in Ohio, becoming residents of Sandusky.

Justus Henry Eckler was a regular attendant of the public schools of his native village during his boyhood days, and after completing his early education served an apprenticeship at the millwright's trade, which he subsequently followed in the fatherland until 1864. Accompanied by wife and children, he embarked on board a sailing vessel in the month of June, and after a voyage of six weeks and four days landed in New York, July 16, 1864. After a brief stay in that city he went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from there coming to Sandusky, Ohio, where his brothers had been located a number of years. Subsequently finding employment in the factory of Aukaback, Craig & Dory, he had charge of selecting the lumber to be used for different purposes by the workmen. Resigning that position, he became machinist for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, with which he was subsequently connected until his death, at the age of seventy-two years. His wife, whose maiden name was Barbara Kerste, died when but forty-two years old, leaving two children, Katy and Conrad D.

Having attended school until fourteen years of age, Conrad D. Eckler then came with his parents to Sandusky. Like all German boys of that day he was anxious to earn money, and having sought work he found

it with the firm of Upp & Welk, in whose employ he remained for a year. He afterwards served an apprenticeship of four years with Harry Porter at the trade of painter and decorator. He subsequently followed his trade as a journeyman until 1872, working a year for Samuel Tebbutt, and afterward with the firm of Bauman & Tebbutt. Mr. Eckler having then become a thorough master of his trade, embarked in business for himself, and has continued active ever since, being now one of the leading painters and decorators of the city and its suburbs, and having as a partner his son, Harry J. Eckler.

Mr. Eckler married, in 1878, Caroline Elizabeth Balduff; she was born in Perkins Township, Erie County, of German ancestry. Her father, Jacob Balduff, was born, reared and married in Baden, Germany. Immigrating with his family to America he was several weeks crossing the ocean in a sailing vessel. Coming directly to Ohio he was among the first of the German families to locate in Sandusky. For a few years after settling in this city he was in the employ of the Sandusky, Mansfield & Newark Railroad Company, and while with it purchased a tract of heavily timbered land in Perkins Township, and having erected in the wilderness a log house moved his family there. Subsequently giving up his position with the railroad company, he devoted the remainder of his life to the clearing of the land and the tilling of the soil, improving a good homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Eckler have had four children, namely: Albert F., Harry J., Clarence C. and Clara, but the last named died aged four years and two months. Albert F., a clerk and auditor in Hotel Holland, at Cleveland, married Christine Waterfield, and they have one child, Dorothy Eckler. Harry J., as mentioned above, is associated in business with his father. Clarence C. has charge of the office of the Arctic Ice Cream Company, in Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Eckler is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and he and his family are members of the German Reformed Church.

Jacob A. Biehl. A man of excellent business capacity, intelligence and sterling integrity, Jacob A. Biehl, of Sandusky, is well and widely known as vice president of the American Banking and Trust Company, and as a stockholder in many of the leading enterprises of the city. A representative of one of the early German families of Erie County, he was born, April 28, 1855, in Sandusky, a son of Frederick Biehl.

His paternal grandfather, Conrad Biehl, was born in Kour Hessen, in the Kingdom of Hesse Cassel, Germany, and was there bred and educated. In 1848, several years after his marriage, he came with his family to this country, being three months crossing the Atlantic in a sailing vessel. Landing in New York, he came directly to Ohio, locating in Sandusky, which was then a small but flourishing place. The following year, in 1849, the Asiatic cholera reappeared in the United States, carrying terror to every home and heart, and proving fatal to thousands of people in every part of the country. In view of the terrible scourge, the president appointed the 3rd day of August as a day of fasting and prayer, that God would "avert the pestilence that walketh in darkness. and the destruction that wasteth at noonday."

Remaining in Sandusky, Conrad Biehl purchased a home on the east side of Hancock Street, near Neil Street, and was subsequently variously employed in the city until his death, about 1859. His widow survived him a few years. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: Henry, Jacob, Louis, Frederick, Charles, Conrad, Elizabeth and Margaret.

Born in Hesse Cassel, Germany, Frederick Biehl was but a child when he accompanied his parents to the United States. Growing to manhood beneath the parental rooftree, he began when young to assist

in the support of the family as a wage-earner. On August 21, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Going to the front, he was with his command in various engagements, including among others the battle of Gettysburg, where he was captured by the enemy, and subsequently confined in a Southern prison until exchanged, in September, 1864. Rejoining his regiment, he remained with it until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged, and mustered out of service with his company, July 10, 1865. For a number of years after his return to Sandusky he was foreman of a lumber yard, continuing his residence in that city until his death, which occurred at the family home, on Reese Street, in 1900.

The maiden name of the wife of Frederick Biehl was Barbara Meyers. She was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to America with her parents when a young girl. She is now living in Sandusky, an active woman of eighty-five years. She and her husband reared seven children, namely: Conrad, Jacob A., Louis, Martha, Barbara, Frederick and Charles.

Following in the footsteps of his father, Jacob A. Biehl gave his first earnings to his father, thus helping to support the family, his first work away from home having been in the country, on a farm. Entering the employ of the L. B. Johnson Company in 1872, he remained with that firm until 1888, when, without any previous experience, he embarked in the grocery business at the corner of Warren and Reese streets. Meeting with signal success from the start, Mr. Biehl has since built up a thriving trade, and is now carrying on an extensive and remunerative business.

Mr. Biehl married, in 1878, Margaret Faulhaber, who was born in Elyria, Lorain County, Ohio, where her father, Valentine Faulhaber, settled on emigrating from Germany to Ohio in pioneer days. Mr. and Mrs. Biehl are the parents of four children, namely: Cora, Rollin V., Alvin and Wilbur. Cora, wife of John Ebert, has three children, Margaretta, Charles and Willard. Rollin V. married Adella Lermann, and they have one child, Eloise. Alvin married Alma Missig, and they have one child, Alvin Jacob. Fraternally Mr. Biehl is a member of Sandusky Aerie No. 444, Fraternal Order of Eagles; of Progress Lodge No. 1488, Knights and Ladies of Honor; and of F. W. Stevens Tent No. 1293, Knights of the Maccabees.

Edmond H. Savord. Well equipped for a professional career, Edmond H. Savord holds an assured position among the rising young attorneys of Erie County, being well established at Sandusky, where he is fast building up a satisfactory legal practice. A son of Alexander J. Savord, Jr., he was born, October 5, 1889, in Sandusky, a descendant of one of the early French families that settled in the City of Quebec, Canada. His grandfather, Alexander J. Savord, Sr., was a son of Joseph Savord, whose father, the great, great-grandfather of Edmund H. Savord, it is said, once owned the land in Detroit now occupied by the Union Station.

Alexander J. Savord, Sr., was born in Quebec, Canada, in 1838, and there as a youth learned from his father the trade of a ship joiner, which he followed in his native city until 1865. Coming then to Ohio, he located in Sandusky, where he was joined by his family a year later. He found employment at his trade, and also worked as a carpenter and cabinet maker, among other things making the desk now used by the judge in the court room of the Erie County courthouse. For a number of years he was in the employ of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Company, making water tanks. He continued his residence in Sandusky until his death, which occurred in 1890. He married Rebecca Ratte, who was born in 1843, in the Province of Quebec, Canada, where

her father, Frank Ratte, who was of French descent, spent his entire life. She is now living in Ohio, her home being in Lorain. To her and her husband three children were born, as follows: Alexander J., Jr.; Rebecca; and Edmond, who was drowned when a lad of twelve years.

Alexander J. Savord, Jr., was born in the City of Quebec, December 4, 1864, but since the early part of 1866 has been a resident of Sandusky, Ohio. Acquiring an excellent education in the parochial schools, he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed two years. He then learned the trade of a ship joiner with his father, who was operating a shop at the B. & A. docks. After the death of his father he assumed charge of the shop and managed it successfully for four years. He was subsequently superintendent for a Government contractor from 1895 until 1899, when, in the month of August, he was appointed Government inspector in charge of local works, a position of importance which he has since ably and satisfactorily filled, now having full charge of the harbors at Port Clinton, Sandusky, Huron and Vermilion, with headquarters at Sandusky. While in the employ of the Government contractor he superintended the construction of the jetties placed at the entrance of the bay at Cedar Point.

The maiden name of the wife of Alexander J. Savord, Jr., was Jennie E. Kelley. She was born January 1, 1865, in Sandusky, of Irish parentage. Her father, Michael Kelley, was born and reared in County Roscommon, Ireland, and there married Catherine Maloney, a native of the same county. Coming with his wife to America in 1851, he located in Sandusky, and there continued his residence until his death, in 1874. His widow survived him many years, passing away in 1914, sixty-three years after her arrival in Sandusky as a bride. She was the mother of ten children. Four children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Savord, namely: Edmond H., with whom this brief sketch is chiefly concerned. Marzita; Ruth, and Faber.

Laying a substantial foundation for his future education in the parochial and public schools, Edmond H. Savord was graduated from the Sandusky High School with the class of 1908. Desirous then of preparing himself for a professional career, Mr. Savord entered the University of Notre Dame, at Notre Dame, Indiana, and in 1912 was graduated from the law department of that institution. Upon being admitted to the Ohio bar, he began the practice of law in Sandusky, and has since met with most encouraging success.

A democrat in politics, Mr. Savord cast his first presidential vote for Woodrow Wilson. From October 1, 1914, to June 1, 1915, he was director of safety, and on June 1 became city solicitor. Fraternally he belongs to Sandusky Council, No. 546, Knights of Columbus, and he is also a member of the Holy Name Society. Since 1912 he has served as president of the Sandusky High School Alumni Association.

Fred W. Bauer. Possessing excellent business ability and judgment, Fred Bauer, of Sandusky, is eminently qualified for the position he holds in the municipal department of finance, and well deserves the commendation and approbation of the general public for the prompt and efficient manner in which he is discharging his duties as city auditor. A son of the late Adam Bauer, he was born in Sandusky, December 6, 1868, of German descent.

His paternal grandfather, John Philip Bauer, was born in the Village of Messbach, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, a son of Johann Conrad Bauer, who married Anna Barbara Stohr. Leaving school at the age of fourteen years, he served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade in Niedermodan. Then, taking the place of an elder brother in the army, he fought the Prussians under Napoleon I, and took an active part in

the Polish invasion as a brave soldier enduring great hardships. Being discharged from the service, he followed his trade in both France and Switzerland, and when the Germans again took up arms against the French he fought in the German army until honorably discharged. He subsequently lived at Billings, near Steinau, Germany, until 1836.

On August 10 of that year he set sail for America, accompanied by his family, and after an unusually rough voyage landed in Baltimore. Coming from there westward to Pittsburgh by rail, and thence by team to Ohio, he took up a tract of timbered land in Crawford County, and, having erected a log cabin to shelter his family, began the pioneer task of clearing the farm on which he spent his remaining days. He married, May 24, 1818, a comely young widow, whose maiden name was Anna Catherine Feick. Although he attained the age of four score and four years, she outlived him, dying at a venerable age. They reared five sons and three daughters, and at the time of his death they had forty-six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Adam Bauer was born October 21, 1821, in the Grand-Duchy of Hesse, formerly Hesse-Darmstadt, and as a youth came with his parents to Ohio, having a long and stormy trip across the Atlantic. He assisted his father in hewing a farm from the forest. When ready to start in life for himself he spent a year in Toledo, being employed on the canal. Returning home, he again assisted his father in the management of the farm for a time. In 1844 he made his way on foot to Sandusky, arriving in the city with but $5 in his pocket, his sole capital. He soon found work as a carpenter, and ere many years had passed was well established as a contractor and builder, with a shop at the corner of Water and Jackson streets, that having been at a time when all door and window sashes were made by hand. Purchasing property at the corner of Market and Decatur streets in 1849, he erected a building, and was there engaged in the grocery business until 1876, when he removed to a building which he had previously put up at the corner of Monroe and Decatur streets. After conducting a thriving business at that location a few years, he sold out, and thereafter lived retired in Sandusky until his death, December 14, 1901.

The maiden name of the wife of Adam Bauer was Caroline Hemberle. She was born in Germany, and in 1834 came with her parents to America, taking passage on a sailing vessel, and landing in New York. From there the family proceeded by way of the Hudson River to Albany, thence by the Erie Canal to Buffalo, and by lake to Sandusky, where the family took teams to Crawford County, Ohio. A few years later Mr. Hemberle moved with his wife and children to Erie County, settling on a farm in Perkins Township, but remaining only a short time there. He and his wife then moved to Sandusky, and there spent the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Caroline Bauer is still living, a bright and active woman of eighty-seven years. To her and her husband seven children were born, as follows: John, who died at the age of forty years; Caroline; Harriet; Albert; Fred W., the subject of this brief personal narrative; Theodore, who lived but fourteen years; and Adam, who also died when but fourteen years old.

Having finished the course of study in the public schools of Sandusky, Fred W. Bauer worked for awhile at the plumber's trade, after which he entered the employ of Thomas T. Dill as timekeeper and assistant superintendent of the work of grading and building roads, and setting out trees on the grounds of the Ohio Soldiers' Home, retaining the position a year. The ensuing fifteen years Mr. Bauer was connected with the waterworks department of the City of Sandusky, five years of that time serving as superintendent. He then accepted a position with the Sandusky Gas and Electric Company as manager, and at the end of

three years resigned to become secretary of the A. Schmidt, Jr., & Brothers Wine Company, with which he was associated in that capacity for four years. In 1911 Mr. Bauer gave up the secretaryship to become assistant city auditor, assuming the office in August of that year. Three months later, in November, 1911, he was elected to the position, and served so acceptably to all concerned that at the expiration of his term of service, in November, 1913, he had the honor of being re-elected to the same office by a large majority of the votes cast.

Mr. Bauer married, in 1891, Sabina Denhart, who was born in Sandusky, a daughter of Justus and Anna Denhart, natives of Germany. Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Bauer, namely: Harriet, Esther, Mary and Fred D. Mrs. Bauer's parents belonged to the German Evangelical Church, and reared their family in the same faith. The Misses Harriet and Esther Bauer are members of Grace Episcopal Church.

Fraternally Mr. Bauer is a member of Sandusky Lodge, No. 128, Knights of Pythias; of Sandusky Herd, No. 471, Loyal Order of Moose; and of Sandusky Aerie, No. 444, Fraternal Order of Eagles. Gifted with a natural taste and talent for music, Mr. Bauer began playing the violin in his youthful days, and the greater part of the time during the past sixteen years has been leader of the orchestra at the Sandusky Theatre.

JOHN ADAM FEICK. Prominent in the business activities of Sandusky, John Adam Feick, head of the firm of John A. Feick & Son, is numbered among the leading contractors and builders of Erie County, and is widely known as president of the Butler Stone Company, and as one of the directorate of the Third National Bank of Sandusky. A son of Adam Feick, he was born in this city, January 28, 1862, of substantial German ancestry. His grandfather, Philip Feick, a life-long resident of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, was for many years engaged in the manufacture of wagons at Steinau, and was also interested to some extent in agriculture, owning farm land in that vicinity.

Adam Feick was born, May 3, 1822, in Steinau, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and was there brought up and educated, spending the first thirty years of his life in his native town. Leaving the fatherland on September 21, 1852, he came to America in search of fortune, if not fame, and immediately settled in Sandusky, Ohio. Finding employment as a journeyman carpenter and joiner, he soon won an excellent reputation for skillful and honest workmanship. Subsequently forming a partnership with his brother George under the name of Adam Feick & Brother, he met with very encouraging success from the start, the firm of which he was the head being awarded many important contracts and having charge of the erection of many of the city's large and handsome structures.

On January 8, 1859, Adam Feick married, in Sandusky, Johanna Fulton, who was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, in 1841, a daughter of John Frederick Fulton. Mr. Fulton, who was born June 7, 1807, in Wurtemberg, Germany, immigrated to the United States in early life, locating first in Pennsylvania. Coming with his family to Ohio in 1843, he settled in Hancock County, and subsequently continued a resident of the state until his death, April 24, 1881. He married, in 1832, Magdalena Koli, and of the twelve children born of their union seven were living at the time of his death. Ten children blessed the marriage of Adam and Johanna (Fulton) Feick, as follows: John Adam, the special subject of this brief sketch; Ida Elizabeth; Christina died in infancy; George, who lived but one year; Alford; Henrietta Katherine; Emma Helena; Cora Wilhelmina; Minnie Louise; and Lewis Alfred. Mr. Adam Feick died in March, 1893, and his wife on November 17,

John A. Frick.

1908. Both were active workers in the German Lutheran Church, he having served as elder, treasurer and vestryman, while she was for many years a prominent member of the Humane Society connected with that church.

Having acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of Sandusky, John A. Feick was subsequently graduated from Saint Mary's Institute. Commencing to work with his father when young, he soon mastered the trade of a carpenter and builder, and later was admitted to partnership with his father and uncle George, the firm name becoming Adam Feick & Company. After the death of his father, Mr. Feick continued in business with his uncle under the firm name of George Feick & Company until 1902. He subsequently conducted business alone until 1913, when he admitted to partnership his son, John C. Feick, with whom he has since been associated as senior member of the firm of John A. Feick & Son.

Mr. Feick married, in November, 1884, Elizabeth Zipfel, who was born in Sandusky, a daughter of Constantine Zipfel, and granddaughter of Joseph and Mary Zipfel, natives of Baden, Germany, who emigrated from there to Ohio in 1851, and after living three years in Clyde located in Sandusky, where they spent their remaining days. Born May 21, 1839, in Norsingen, Baden, Germany, Constantine Zipfel was but a boy when he came with his parents to Ohio. While living in Clyde he began work at the butcher's trade, and after coming to Sandusky in 1854 followed it for a time. Subsequently starting in life on his own account, he was for upwards of thirty years engaged in the provision business on Water Street, at the same time, having purchased land near the city, he was carrying on farming and stock raising quite successfully. He continued in active pursuits until his death, in Sandusky, June 4, 1894. On December 31, 1858, Mr. Zipfel married Marie Daniel, who was born in Sandusky, and died June 28, 1886, leaving seven children, as follows: Charles; Joseph; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Feick; Mary; Ida; Laura; and Alfred. A stanch republican in politics, Mr. Zipfel served as a member of the city council for a number of years, and during one campaign was the republican candidate for mayor of Sandusky. Both he and his wife were members of Saint Mary's Catholic Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Feick's only child, John C. Feick, now in business with his father, married Mylitta Emma Taubert, who was born in Sandusky, a daughter of Lewis J. and Catherine (Stroble) Taubert, and they have one daughter, Mary Katherine Louise Feick, born in March, 1914.

Religiously Mr. Feick and his family belong to the German Lutheran Church. Fraternally Mr. Feick and his son are both members of Perseverance Lodge No. 329, Free and Accepted Masons; of Sandusky Council No. 26, Royal and Select Masons; of Sandusky Chapter No. 72, Royal Arch Masons; of Erie Commandery No. 23, Knights Templar; and both are thirty-second degree Masons, Mr. Feick being a member of the Lake Erie Consistory, and his son of the Toledo Consistory. Mr. Feick has always taken an active and intelligent interest in public affairs, and has served as a member of the city council and of the board of public service.

Capt. John C. Zollinger. For many years actively identified with the mercantile and manufacturing interests of Sandusky, Capt. John C. Zollinger, a man of excellent business enterprise and judgment, has accumulated a fair share of this world's goods, and is now living retired from active pursuits, enjoying a well-earned leisure. He is a veteran of the Civil war, and also one of the oldest native-born citizens of Sandusky, his birth having occurred in this city October 10, 1842. His parents, Charles W. and Christina (Smith) Zollinger, of whom a brief account may be found on another page of this volume, in connection

with the sketch of Frederick P. Zollinger, were born and educated in Germany.

Educated in the Sandusky schools, John C. Zollinger completed his early studies in the old high school building that stood on the spot now occupied by the courthouse, it having been a two-story structure containing four rooms, one being used by the high school, one for the highest grammar grade, and the other two for recitation rooms. With a keen appreciation of the dignity of honest toil, he began work as soon as old enough, at the age of fourteen years becoming a clerk in the dry goods establishment of Everett Cooke & Company, and later entering the employ of C. E. & G. A. Cooke. In 1861 he enlisted in Company G, Sixty-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and subsequently saw service under Generals Buell, Sheridan, Rosecrans and Thomas. He took part in many of the more important engagements of the conflict, including among others those at Shiloh, Perryville, Stone River and Missionary Ridge, participating in all the pitched battles and minor engagements en route from Chattanooga to Atlanta, and after the siege and capture of the latter city again met the enemy in the battles at Franklin and Nashville.

In 1863, his term of enlistment having expired, Mr. Zollinger veteranized, and subsequently, for gallant and meritorious conduct, he was promoted, receiving his commission as captain ere reaching the age of twenty-three years. In the spring of 1865 Captain Zollinger was sent with his regiment to Texas, and there on December 25, 1865, he was honorably discharged from the service.

In 1866 the captain was employed as clerk in the office of an express company, and the ensuing few years was engaged in the dry goods business on his own account. He sold out his stock for the purpose of entering into a partnership with Frederick Ohlemacher, and was for ten years engaged in the manufacture of lime, having large quarries at Marblehead, Ohio. Disposing of his interest in the quarries, Captain Zollinger, in company with Louis Adolph, was successfully engaged in the fish business until 1900, but since that time has lived retired from business activities.

In 1866 Captain Zollinger was united in marriage with Paulina Lerch, who was born near Basel, Germany, a daughter of William and Barbara Lerch. Her father was a revolutionist during the uprising of 1848, and when the cause failed he, like Carl Schurz and others of his caliber, emigrated to America. Coming directly to Ohio, Mr. Lerch embarked in the jewelry business at Sandusky, and when well established sent for his wife and Paulina, their only child. Prosperous in his undertakings, both he and his good wife there spent the remainder of their lives. True to the faith in which they were reared, they were consistent members of the German Lutheran Church. Mrs. Zollinger, who was brought up in the same religious belief, passed to the life beyond November 11, 1904.

Captain Zollinger is a member of McMeens Post, No. 19, Grand Army of the Republic, in which he is greatly interested. Fraternally he belongs to Science Lodge, No. 50, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, with which he has been connected for upwards of half a century, and of which he is past master; and to Erie Commandery, No. 23, Knights Templar.

Stephen Henry Rogers. Every passing year adds to the veneration and respect in which the few surviving veterans of the great war between the North and South are held. An Erie County soldier who made a record for himself by faithfulness to duty and efficiency as a soldier during the '60s is Stephen Henry Rogers, a native of Erie County,

for many years a prosperous farmer and stock man, and now living quietly retired at his home in Sandusky.

Stephen Henry Rogers was born in Margaretta Township of Erie County, October 28, 1838. The family was early settled in New York State, and the father, Stephen Rogers, was born near Schenectady in December, 1814. When a young man he came to Erie County, bought a tract of unimproved land in Margaretta Township, and there built the log house in which Stephen H. Rogers was born. Though the county had been settled a number of years a large portion of it was still an unbroken wilderness, and the Rogers family was among those who added to the area of cultivated lands and improved the resources of civilization in this section. For many years after coming here Stephen Rogers gave all his energy and time to clearing up and cultivating his land, and after a few years replaced the old log house by a substantial stone structure, which is still standing, and an interesting landmark in Margaretta Township. This old house has a porch the entire length of the front, a large lawn with numerous shade trees, and is one of the very attractive country places in this county. Stephen Rogers lived there until his death in 1864. He married Eliza Hartwell. She was born in Margaretta Township of Erie County July 11, 1815, and her family was among the earliest pioneers of this region of Northern Ohio. She first married Benjamin Rogers, a brother of Stephen, and one of the early settlers of Margaretta Township, where he died not long after his marriage, leaving one son, Benjamin. Stephen Rogers and wife were the parents of five children, named Mary L., Stephen Henry, Phebe Maria, Martha E. and Allida. The mother of these children lived to the great old age of eighty-five, passing away in 1900.

Stephen Henry Rogers grew up on the country place above described, attended the neighboring country schools, and when still a boy was actively engaged in running the farm. He continued his labors in that manner until October 21, 1861, when he answered the call for troops to defend the Union and enlisted in Company A, of the Seventy-second Regiment of Ohio Infantry. He went South with his command and was with the regiment in all its service up to July, 1863. In that month he was detached for special duty as a carrier of dispatches, and served in that capacity successively under Gen. Ralph P. Buckland, General Asboth, Gen. James M. Tuttle, Gen. Joseph A. Mower, and finally with General McArthur. He saw service in the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Missouri, Arkansas and Texas, and had a most interesting and varied military career. Mr. Rogers now has in his possession a number of souvenirs of the war. One of these is a drinking cup in a leather case captured from Colonel Clack of the Second Louisiana Independent Cavalry. He also has a belt with revolver and cartridges and a long sword captured from a rebel major at the battle of Henderson Hill. On the brass clasp of the cartridge belt is embossed a pelican, showing that it belonged to a Louisiana regiment. He has a number of other curios picked up on different battlefields. Perhaps the most cherished of his keepsakes from the war period is one that he carried with him from the time of his enlistment until his return home. This was a "housewife" given him when he enlisted by his sister Martha. It was made of silk, bound with leather, and contained a comb, needles, thread, buttons and other little necessities for his use in repairing his clothing. Mr. Rogers still has this "housewife," and in it the comb which he carried all through the war.

At the close of his term of service, in the fall of 1864, Mr. Rogers was honorably discharged, and on returning home resumed his position on the old homestead farm. He finally succeeded to the ownership of the place. In 1869 he bought a farm in the west part of the same town-

ship and was there successfully engaged in general farming, raising cattle, horses and hogs, and was for many years one of the most substantial and successful farmers of that vicinity. In 1899 Mr. Rogers removed to Sandusky, where he is now living retired, though still owning the farm, which is rented.

On October 26, 1865, Mr. Rogers married Maria Louisa Bardwell. She was born in Margaretta Township February 19, 1838. Her father, Salmon Dickinson Bardwell, was born in Hatfield, Massachusetts, February 29, 1796. He was reared and was married in that town, and in 1834, accompanied by his bride, came out to Ohio. The journey was made by wagon and team as far as Albany, New York, at which point they embarked upon a canal boat over the Erie Canal as far as Buffalo, and thence by lake boat to Huron, and there again wagon and team were brought into service to convey them to Margaretta Township in Erie County. In that locality he bought land and built the log house in which Mrs. Rogers was born. This old house had a stone chimney and fireplace, and as there was no stove, the mother of Mrs. Rogers for many years did all her cooking over the open fire. Mr. Bardwell subsequently erected a substantial frame house, and lived there until his death in 1852. He married Lucy Ann White, who was born in Hatfield, Massachusetts, July 22, 1806, and died on the home farm in 1873. Mrs. Rogers had one sister, Sarah Ann, who first married William Graves and later James Snowden.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have reared four children: Addie A., Carrie A., Henry Stephen, and James G. The daughter Addie married Jefferson Fleming, and died in 1900. Carrie A. married Thomas M. Farmer, of Toledo, Ohio. Henry S., of Sandusky, married Edna Gander, of Norwalk. James G. is a resident of Arizona. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are Universalists in their religious belief. Mr. Rogers is affiliated with McMeens Post, No. 19, of the Grand Army of the Republic.

James H. Emrich. A few years ago Sandusky lost one of its veteran merchants in the death of James H. Emrich, who for more than half a century had been identified with the drug trade in the city. He was a careful business man, liberal and helpful in his attitude toward local affairs, and his name was a synonym with integrity and honor.

His birth occurred in Kusel, Rhenish Bavaria, August 13, 1829, and his death came nearly eighty years later on May 7, 1909. His father, Philip Emrich, was born in Foeckelberg, Rhenish Bavaria, February 12, 1798, and the grandfather, Jacob Emrich, was born in the same village in 1771. Jacob had his rearing and education there, served six years with the Bavarian army, and when an old man came to America, in 1840, with some of his children, and died at Piketon, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Weber, who died in Germany. The oldest of their ten children was Jacob, who was with the Bavarian troops in the army of the Emperor Napoleon, and the last heard of him was when he went away under the emperor on the fatal invasion of Russia. The other nine children all came to America, named Katherina, Philip, Christian, Peter, Karl, Heinrich, Theobald, Elizabeth, and Daniel.

Philip Emrich lived in Bavaria until 1840, having in the meantime received his education and spent six years in the army. He had served a thorough apprenticeship at the trade of wagonmaker and followed that vocation until coming to America. He embarked his little family, wife and three children, on board the sailing ship Anson, and after a voyage of sixty-five days, attended with some bad weather, landed at New York City. Their destination was the State of Ohio, and their course in reaching that country was by boat up the Hudson River, by canal to Buffalo, and thence by water and overland to Piketon. There Philip

became associated with his brother Theobald in the manufacture of wagons and carriages, remaining about one year, continuing the same business at Chillicothe until 1868, after which he lived retired in Sandusky until his death on March 18, 1884. Philip Emrich married Louise Engelhardt, who was born at Baumholder, Prussia, March 23, 1799. She reared three children: James H., Philipina and Philip. Philip located in Sandusky and was in business with his brother James until his death in 1876. The daughter Philipina married Charles Dick, and resides in Sandusky, which is also the home of her son, Carl Emrich Dick.

James H. Emrich was eleven years old when brought to Ohio, and the education began in the schools of his native village was continued only briefly at Chillicothe. When still a boy he was working and earning his way as clerk in a drug store of that time, and that experience gave him the permanent direction of a career. Later he was at Cincinnati and New York City, and along with experience in practical management of a drug business also acquired an expert knowledge of chemistry and pharmacy.

It was in 1856 that he came to Sandusky and bought an interest in a drug store on Water Street, and of which, within a year thereafter he became sole owner. His next location was the West House, and after purchasing ground and building a store on the east side of Columbus Avenue, he continued in business until the close of his life. His store was one of the landmarks of the business district, and he practically outlived all his competitors who were in business when he came to Sandusky.

In 1880 Mr. Emrich erected the substantial home at 1006 Washington Street where he lived nearly thirty years and which is now occupied by his daughter. Mr. Emrich was married at Akron, Ohio, in November, 1856, to Henrietta S. Townsend. Her father, Alfred R. Townsend, who was born at Cazenovia, New York, February 14, 1810, after learning the trade of tailor, came to Ohio in 1834 and established himself in that line of business. Later he became a factor in the transportation business along the canal, and was also a figure in public affairs. He was the first marshal of the Village of Akron, and was also tax collector, deputy sheriff, internal revenue assessor, and director of the county infirmary. He continued to live in Akron until his death in November, 1887. In 1834 he married Evelina Blodgett, who was born in Starksboro, Vermont, and died at Akron, January 22, 1888. Of her three children, Mrs. Emrich was the oldest. John A. Townsend is now a resident of Rochester, New York, while Emala G. died unmarried.

Mrs. Emrich died in April, 1861. Her only daughter, Minnie L., is now owner of the home built by her father in 1880. While Mrs. Emrich was a member of the Congregational Church, her husband was quite liberal in religious matters. Despite the exactions of his busy life, he was a student, kept in close touch with political and other topics, and is remembered by all his old friends as an entertaining and instructive conversationalist.

Franklin Frees Lehman, M. D. For more than twenty years engaged in the practice of medicine at Sandusky, Doctor Lehman has an excellent practice, and has worthily won his place in professional life. As a young man he was ambitious to secure a liberal education, and worked for most of it teaching school and by other occupations defraying his expenses until graduating from college and medical schools, and as a result of this experience and his self-made career, was all the better equipped for a successful accomplishment in his chosen field of work.

Franklin Frees Lehman was born on a farm near Wooster in Wayne County, Ohio. His father, Ephraim Lehman, was born in the same

locality August 11, 1826, while the grandfather John Lehman was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, August 14, 1792. The great-grandfather, Martin Lehman, was a native of Alsace-Loraine, and so far as known was the only member of his immediate family to come to America. He came to this country when a young man, located in Berks County, where he married a German girl, and they spent the rest of their days in Pennsylvania, and were the parents of a large family. Grandfather John Lehman was reared and educated in Berks County, and there learned the trade of miller. On leaving Pennsylvania he came to Ohio, accompanied by his family, and making the entire journey by the overland route with wagon and team. He located as one of the pioneers in Wayne County, where he bought a tract of 160 acres of land about four miles from Wooster. The only improvements on this land comprised about four acres of cleared ground with a rude log cabin. Nearly all the rest of it was covered with a heavy growth of timber. John Lehman was a vigorous type of the early pioneer, possessed industry and the faculty of hard work with good business judgment, and with increasing prosperity continued to buy other lands and in time had a large estate. He lived in Wayne County until his death at the advanced age of ninety-seven years. He was twice married, was the father of eighteen children, and thirteen of these reached maturity. The maiden name of his first wife, the grandmother of Doctor Lehman, was Miss Bear. For a number of years the grandfather lived in a log cabin, but subsequently built a substantial house of hewed timber, and that was occupied as a dwelling until recent years.

Ephraim Lehman grew up on the old farm, and at the time of his marriage located on a place adjoining the old homestead, subsequently succeeding to the ownership of the old farm of his father. He continued successfully as a general farmer and stock raiser for many years, but now lives retired at Bloomington, a suburb of Wooster. He married Susanna Frees, who was born in the same locality as her husband August 11, 1834. She was one of the seven children of Jacob and Salome (Billman) Frees. She died in October, 1913. The three children who grew up were Franklin Frees, Cora, wife of W. M. Glasgow of Wooster, and Floyd Vinton, a resident of Seville in Medina County, where he successfully conducts one of the largest utility poultry farms in the state.

Doctor Lehman spent his boyhood on the old farm in Wayne County. His first advantages were given him at rural schools, and he received his preparatory college education in the University of Wooster. During the four years he attended that institution he boarded at home, and rode back and forth to school, a distance of four miles, every day. Following this he was for three years a student in the Ohio Northern University at Ada, and paid most of his expenses by teaching school in Miami County during the intervals of his own school attendance.

Doctor Lehman acquired his higher literary and professional education in Ann Arbor, Michigan. In the fall of 1884 he entered the University of Michigan and was graduated A. B. in 1888. Then followed one year of teaching as principal of the high school at Marquette, Michigan. He then returned to Ann Arbor and entered the homeopathic department of the university, graduating with the degree of M. D. in 1891. The following eighteen months were spent as an interne in the homeopathic hospital at Rochester, New York, followed by general practice in Rochester until November, 1893. Since the latter date Doctor Lehman has been located at Sandusky, and with mature experience and a reputation for skillful work enjoys a large practice and a fine reputation as a physician and surgeon.

In 1904 Doctor Lehman married Mrs. Mary A. Raikes, daughter of William and Jane Coles, an old Erie County family, record of whom is

given on other pages. Dr. and Mrs. Lehman have two children: John Frees and Ellen Margaret. Doctor Lehman is a member of the Northwestern Ohio Homeopathic Medical Society, the Ohio State Homeopathic Society and the American Institute of Homeopathy. He is affiliated with Science Lodge No. 50, F. & A. M., with Sandusky City Chapter No. 72, R. A. M., and with Sandusky City Council No. 26, R. & S. M. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors of America and to the Sunyendeand Club.

Frederick Paul Zollinger. A representative business man of Sandusky, and one of its leading citizens, Frederick Paul Zollinger, president of the Third National Bank, is recognized as one of the most able and successful financiers of Erie County. A son of Charles W. Zollinger, he was born, July 10, 1858, in the City of Sandusky, which at the time of his birth could scarcely claim a population of 8,000 people. His paternal great-grandfather, Gottlieb Zollinger, a life-long resident of Germany, was for many years burgomaster of Weisbaden, where his children were born and bred.

Johann Zollinger, Mr. Zollinger's grandfather, was born, June 16, 1778, in Weisbaden, and there grew to manhood. As a member of the German contingent of the army of Napoleon I, he followed his commander to Moscow and back, in 1812, and from the effects of that long march, and the terrible exposure incidental thereto, he never recovered, his death occurring in 1814. Two of his sons subsequently came to the United States to settle, namely: Christian and Charles W.

Arriving in New York, Christian Zollinger made his way to Indiana, locating at Fort Wayne, where he followed the trade of a turner for many years. He subsequently bought land in that vicinity, and in addition to farming owned and operated a sawmill, residing on his farm until his death. He was the father of seven sons, one of whom, Charles A. Zollinger, enlisted, during the progress of the Civil war, in the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served with such gallantry and bravery that at the early age of twenty-six years he received his commission as colonel of his regiment. He subsequently served as mayor of Fort Wayne, and as sheriff of Allen County, Indiana.

Born July 23, 1813, in Weisbaden, Germany, Charles W. Zollinger was but an infant when left fatherless. His school life ended, he served an apprenticeship at the cabinet maker's trade, and after its completion turned his face toward America, lured hither by the hope of gaining wealth in a newer country. Coming directly to Ohio, he located in Sandusky, which was then a mere village, while Erie County was a part of Huron County. The country roundabout was very heavily wooded, with here and there a small opening in which stood the modest log cabin of a pioneer. Opening a shop on the east side of Wayne Street, just north of the corner of Washington Street, he established himself in business as a furniture maker and undertaker. The products of his factory found a ready sale among the people of the county, his patronage becoming quite extensive. Moving one block north in 1860, he there continued in active business until his death, May, 1867. In politics he was identified with the whigs until the formation of the republican party, when he became one of its most earnest supporters. Both he and his wife were members of the Salem Church, German Evangelical Association.

The maiden name of the wife of Charles W. Zollinger was Christina Smith. She was born in Baden, Germany, a daughter of John and Maria Smith, who immigrated to America at an early day, and having purchased a tract of timbered land near Fremont, Ohio, erected a log cabin, and on the farm which they cleared from its original wildness reared their

family of two sons and five daughters, and there spent their remaining days. Mrs. Charles W. Zollinger died in September, 1889, having survived her husband upwards of a score of years. She reared ten children, namely: Mary, who became the wife of Rev. Charles Negele; John C., of whom a sketch may be found elsewhere in this volume; Henrietta, who married Jacob Weis; Charles T.; Katherine, wife of Henry Schneerer; William R.; Frederick P., with whom this sketch is chiefly concerned; Christina, wife of Frederick Crass; Elizabeth, who married Edgar Wonnell; and Frank T.

Having completed the course of study in the public schools of Sandusky, Frederick Paul Zollinger, in February, 1875, became a messenger boy in the Third National Bank of Sandusky, with which he has since been connected. Remaining with the institution through its different changes, he has been promoted from time to time, serving as clerk, assistant cashier and cashier, and finally as president becoming head of the bank. Energetic and enterprising, Mr. Zollinger is also actively identified with various other industrial enterprises of the city and county, his influence in business circles being far-reaching.

On September 6, 1882, Mr. Zollinger was united in marriage with Lucy M. McLouth, who was born in Sandusky, a daughter of O. C. and Elizabeth (De Witt) McLouth. Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Zollinger, namely: Laura, who married Edward A. Allstaeler, has two children, Frederick L. and Elizabeth; Marion, wife of Edward M. Koch, and Paul, who died at the age of seventeen years.

Prominent in Masonic organizations, Mr. Zollinger is a member of Perseverance Lodge No. 329, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of Sandusky City Chapter No. 72, Royal Arch Masons; of Sandusky City Council No. 26, Royal and Select Masters; of Erie Commandery No. 23, Knights Templar; of the Toledo Consistory; and also of Zenobia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also associated with the Knights of Pythias. Mrs. Zollinger is a member of the Congregational Church, and belongs to Martha Pitkin Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, which she has served as regent.

Charles Eddy Cooke. Of the families and individuals who had most to do with the early settlement, development and latter day growth of the City of Sandusky, one that deserves conspicuous mention was represented by the late Charles Eddy Cooke, who was for many years a prominent merchant at Sandusky and whose death took away from that city a man whose business and personal character was of the highest type.

Charles Eddy Cooke was born in Perkins Township in Erie County, Ohio. His father was Prof. Augustus Cooke, a native of Connecticut, and what was uncommon at that time a man of college education. He came to Erie County about 1830 and was usefully identified with the community in the capacity of an educator and lived here until his death. Augustus Cooke was twice married, and the maiden name of his second wife was Mary Ann Eddy. She was born in Connecticut, a daughter of Roswell Eddy. Roswell Eddy was also a native of Connecticut, was reared and married there, but soon after the War of 1812 joined a company of several families and came out to Ohio. They came over the mountains and out to the Southern shore of Lake Erie with wagons and teams, bringing household goods, farm implements, live stock and poultry. The chickens and turkeys were driven ahead of the teams by the children. At night these fowls would take to the trees and then the company camped wherever the poultry determined upon a roosting place. After several weeks of travel they reached what is now Perkins Township in Erie County, but then a portion of Huron County. There Mr. Eddy

bought a tract of timbered land, erected a typical log cabin, and began life in what was then the westernmost state in the Union, all the country to the west as far as the Mississippi being a sparsely inhabited region under territorial form of government. Mr. Eddy cleared up a farm out of the wilderness, and continued to live there until his death. Roswell Eddy married a Miss Taylor. Their daughter, Mary Ann (Eddy) Cooke survived her husband many years and died at the home of her son William at the age of eighty-four. She reared three sons: Charles Eddy; William Joseph, who was for many years bookkeeper in banks in Sandusky, and George Augustus, who was associated with his brother Charles in business.

Charles Eddy Cooke was twelve years old when his father died, and after that he lived with his maternal grandparents. He was given a good education, and was advised to take up the profession of medicine, and acting on this counsel he studied for a time with Doctor Tilden. The profession not proving to his liking, he turned to merchandising, and became clerk in the store of David Everett at Sandusky. He soon mastered the details of the business, saved his earnings, and then invested in a stock of goods and began business on his own account. His brother George soon afterwards became associated with him, and by close attention to their work and with increasing capital they enjoyed a position among the foremost merchants. Mr. Cooke invested his surplus capital in city real estate, and after disposing of his business ten or fifteen years ago devoted all his time to the management of a property which had greatly increased in value. He died at Sandusky in 1909.

Charles Eddy Cooke married Mary A. Turney. She was born in Syracuse, New York. Her father, William Latta Turney, was born in Philadelphia, a son of Prof. Samuel Turney, who was a native of Connecticut and of early English ancestry. He was a lineal descendant of Nicholas Pynchon, at one time Lord Mayor of London. The line of descent is as follows: Judge William Pynchon, son of Nicholas, came to America and was treasurer of the Massachusetts Bay Colony; his son, Col. John Pynchon, has been referred to in history as one of the "Connecticut River Gods" (see History of Springfield, Massachusetts, and Encyclopedia Brittanica); he married Amy Wyllys, daughter of Gov. George Wyllys; their son Col. John Pynchon, Jr., married Margaret Hubbard; their son Maj. John Pynchon married Bathsheba Taylor; their son Joseph was the father of Margaret Pynchon, who in turn was the grandmother of Prof. Samuel Turney. Prof. Samuel Turney was a college graduate, held the position of tutor in Yale College, and after his marriage removed to Philadelphia and was in educational work in Pennsylvania until failing health caused him to go South to South Carolina where he was a tutor in the family of Governor Laurens. His death occurred in middle life. William Latta Turney, father of Mrs. Cooke, was still a boy when his father died, and thereafter lived with his uncle and grandparents in Connecticut, where he was given a liberal education. He inherited the estate of his uncle, and going to New York engaged in mercantile business in that state, and was a prominent man at Syracuse until the early '50s. He was attracted to the new State of California, shipping a stock of goods around the cape and himself crossing the Isthmus. He contracted a disease during the voyage and died soon after landing in California. William L. Turney married Azuba Hoyt, who, after the death of her husband, went to Wisconsin and lived in Portage City for a time, but spent her last years with Mrs. Cooke in Sandusky. She reared three daughters: Elizabeth K., Mary Augusta and Josephine A. The first of these daughters lives in Minneapolis and the last with Mrs. Cooke.

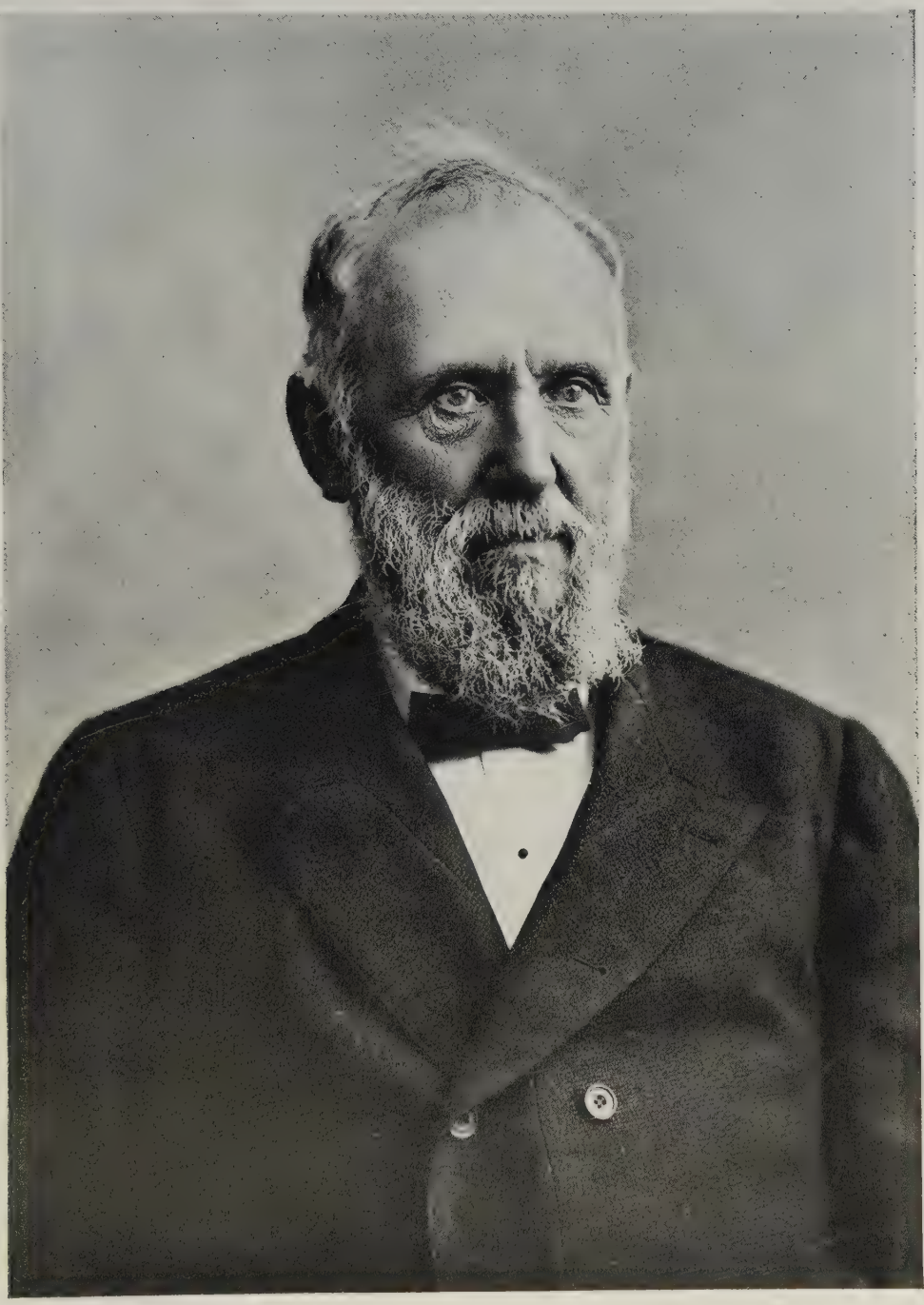
Mr. and Mrs. Cooke reared two daughters, Ella and May. They also had a son Augustus who died in his fourth year. The daughter Ella married Henry A. Morgan and has two daughters named Mary and Josephine. May married Lewis Lea, and at her death left six children, named, Charles, George, Margaret, Mary Virginia, Richard James and Elizabeth Kathryn.

The late Mr. Cooke was a Methodist, while Mrs. Cooke and her sister have membership in Grace Episcopal Church at Sandusky. The home which Mrs. Cooke occupies on Wayne Street at the corner of Adams is one of the attractive landmarks of the Sandusky residence district. It was built by Mr. Bell, at one time president of the Mad River Railroad Company, and Mr. Bell being a bachelor the home was built to suit his special requirements. It was put up in the early '40s, and has been standing on Wayne Street for seventy years or more. It is a stone building, with very thick walls, with well arranged interior, large windows, and is both a comfortable and quaint old place. This home was once the scene of entertainment by Major Camp (a retired U. S. A. officer, who had acquired the home, before it was finished) of Gen. Winfield Scott with his entire suite. Mrs. Cooke maintains the old home, the walls adorned with many fine paintings, and the visitor finds a constant charm and interest in the large collection of objects which have been purchased and gathered by Mrs. Cooke while traveling abroad.

Gen. James Fowler Chapman. For many years a prominent and respected resident of Erie County, Hon. James Fowler Chapman, late of Sandusky, won for himself an honorable record, not only as a trustworthy citizen but as a brave soldier, having served his country in an official capacity throughout both the Mexican and the Civil wars. A son of Arden Chapman, he was the first white child born in Medina County, Ohio, his birth having occurred in a log cabin in the wilds of that section of the state on March 30, 1819.

Coming from substantial English ancestry, Arden Chapman was born and reared in New York State, living there until after his marriage. Migrating with his bride to Ohio about 1810, he secured a tract of Government land in Medina County, all of which was at that time in its virgin wildness. Clearing a space in the dense forest, he erected a rude log cabin, and immediately began the pioneer task of improving a homestead. Disposing of his farm a few years later, he engaged in mercantile pursuits in Wayne County, first in the village of Jackson, and later at Republic and Tiffin. Going with his family to Wisconsin in 1858, he located in Albany, and was there a resident until his death. The maiden name of the wife of Arden Chapman was Althedia Hinman. She was born in Bethlehem, Connecticut, of honored Huguenot stock, having been a direct descendant of an exiled nobleman of France. Born in the latter part of the eighteenth century, she received exceptional educational advantages for that day, and prior to her marriage taught school. She died at her home in the Village of Republic, Wayne County, Ohio, leaving four children, namely: James Fowler, Pardee, Caroline A., and Adaline.

Brought up on the parental homestead in Medina County, James F. Chapman obtained his knowledge of the three "R's" in the primitive log schoolhouse, which was furnished with slab seats and had a puncheon floor and a chimney made of earth and sticks. A boy of thirteen years when the family removed to the village of Jackson, Wayne County, he was put to work in the tannery established by his father, driving the horse that pulled the machine used in those days for crushing the tanbark. In 1846, at the beginning of the hostilities between Mexico and the United States, Mr. Chapman assisted in the recruiting of volunteers for the war, and had the honor of being elected captain of Company F,



James F. Chapman

Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under command of Col. Samuel Curtis. Going with his regiment to the front, Captain Chapman participated in many of the important battles of that conflict, and at its close was honorably discharged from the service.

Returning to his native state, Captain Chapman was for a short time engaged in business in Seneca County, first at Tiffin, and later at Republic. Coming to Erie County in 1848, he was for five years one of the leading merchants of Castalia. In 1853 he embarked in mercantile pursuits at Albany, Wisconsin, and there conducted a substantial business until the outbreak of the Civil war. Volunteering his services, he was then commissioned major by the governor of Wisconsin, and soon after was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel and given command of the Thirteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, a position which he held for three years, doing valiant service on many a battlefield. While doing guard duty with his brigade along the Tennessee River, Jeff Davis issued a proclamation to the effect that if Colonel Chapman and certain others were captured they were not to be treated according to usages of civilized warfare, but he never fell into the clutches of the enemy.

Retiring from the army as a brevet brigadier-general, General Chapman again took up his residence at Castalia, Ohio. Subsequently locating at Clyde, Sandusky County, he was there actively engaged in business for eighteen years. Coming from there to Erie County, General Chapman purchased the McCartney farm, in Margaretta Township, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits for a time. Removing from there to Sandusky, he subsequently lived retired in that city until his death, September 30, 1899.

On August 30, 1848, General Chapman was united in marriage with Gertrude L. McCartney, who was born in Erie County, a daughter of William McCartney, and the descendant of an early Scotch family, whose name was originally spelled MacCartney. Born and brought up in the "Blue Grass region of Kentucky," William McCartney migrated to Ohio in early manhood, and as a scout during the time of the Indian troubles traversed the length and breadth of Northern Ohio ere any permanent settlements had been made within its borders. In 1816 he became one of the first settlers of Sandusky. He secured title to 1,800 acres of land in Erie County, near Venice, he cleared a portion of it, and later engaged in banking, being thus employed when "wild cat" money was in circulation. He became the owner of vast tracts of land in both Erie and Sandusky counties, and spent the closing years of his life on his farm in Margaretta Township.

William McCartney married Eliza B. Cooper, a native of Mount Vernon, Ohio. Her father, Charles Cooper, an early settler of Mount Vernon, and a well-to-do farmer, was of English descent, being of the fourth generation from the immigrant ancestor. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. McCartney six children were born and reared, as follows: Charles, Catherine C., Jessup, Gertrude L., Henry and Harvey.

General and Mrs. Chapman reared but one child, Jessup P. Chapman, who died at the early age of twenty-two years. Mrs. Chapman still resides in Sandusky, and though she has passed the allotted three score and ten years of earthly life she retains her mental strength and vigor to a remarkable degree, and relates many an interesting incident of her early life. She has in her possession, among other relics of value, bank bills which were signed by her father when president of the bank.

Samuel J. Catherman. Prominent among the brainy, forceful men who spent the larger part of their long and useful lives in Sandusky was the late Samuel J. Catherman, whose name will be held in lasting remembrance in the annals of Erie County history. He was a man of

indefatigable enterprise, of great inventive talent and marked fertility of resource, as a contractor and builder contributing generously toward the material prosperity of the community, and his services in advancing the industrial interests of city, county and state are worthy of honorable recognition and praise along with the achievements of those who successfully labored in other fields of endeavor.

A picture of the first engine built in Sandusky is shown in an interesting volume entitled the "History of the Western Reserve," and from that work we take the following quotation: "There is now living in Sandusky (in 1910) a man in his ninety-third year named J. S. Catherman, who when he was eighteen years old was employed in the old car shops of the Mad River Railroad in Sandusky. Various parts of the pioneer engine 'The Sandusky' were manufactured in the East and shipped to Sandusky to be put together. The work was successfully accomplished under the direction of Thomas Hogg, the master mechanic who was at the throttle of the machine when it clanged over the strap rails to Bellevue, in 1835. Later Mr. Catherman himself became master mechanic of the shops, and has a vivid recollection not only of the 'Sandusky,' but of the second engine, 'The Erie.' He claims that the Sandusky was the first engine run west of the Alleghany Mountains, and the first one in the world equipped with a steam whistle. A few months ago the still bright old gentleman was interviewed by the 'Sandusky Star Journal,' whose representative drew from him other information which has real historic value. When Mr. Catherman first worked in the Mad River Railroad shops little side-door cars, much resembling small box cars, were used on all the steam roads. To General Gregg he suggested building cars with a door at each end, and with reversible seats. The idea appealed to Mr. Gregg, and Mr. Catherman was instructed to go ahead, and from the passenger cars which he commenced to build in the Mad River shops have developed the luxurious coaches of today."

Samuel J. Catherman was born in 1817, in Union County, Pennsylvania, and died at his home in Sandusky, Ohio, in May, 1911. His father, George Catherman, was also born in Union County, Pennsylvania, and his mother, whose maiden name was Philadelphia Jones, was born and bred in the City of Philadelphia. At the age of fifteen years Samuel was bound out to David Moore, with whom he served an apprenticeship of seven years at the carpenter's trade, after his third year with his employer having control of all the work. When ready to start in life for himself Mr. Catherman returned to Pennsylvania for his mother, sister and brother, and with them came to Sandusky, making the entire journey in a covered wagon. For three years after his arrival he had charge of the carpenter work of Mr. White, after which he was for forty years engaged in contracting and building on his own account. With his first partner, Lawrence Cable, he assumed as one of his first contracts the construction of 2,000 reapers known as the "Hero" reaper and invented by a Mr. Henderson. That contract was received in the spring of 1856, and in the fall of that year Messrs. Catherman and Cable were awarded the contract for building the Washington Street pavement, and when that was completed the partnership was dissolved.

Mr. Catherman subsequently erected more than a score of lime kilns and many fine residences. His reputation for rapid and skilful workmanship brought him many contracts of importance, among others having been the erection of the cribbing in the bay, at the east and west ends of the City of Sandusky, for the Mad River Railroad Company, and the building of the Bay Bridge. Employing 300 men in the latter work, the bridge was built in a marvellously short space of time, every stroke of each man employed counting one. On one occasion during the building it was necessary to have an engine and two flat cars at Danbury, and Mr.

Catherman loaded the engine on the two cars and thus towed them across the bay on a scow, and there unloaded them, doing the whole in one day, a feat deemed almost impossible.

Mr. Catherman married in 1844, Clarissa Gregg, who spent her entire life in Sandusky, her birth occurring in 1823, and her death in 1907. Her father, Benjamin Gregg, a native of New Hampshire, married Clarissa Hibbard, who was born and bred in Vermont, and soon after that happy event the young couple journeyed westward to Ohio, becoming pioneer settlers of Sandusky. Mr. and Mrs. Catherman reared five children, namely: Josephine; Georgia; Franklin; William; and Erastus, who died at the age of fifteen years. Josephine, the eldest child, became the wife of Albert Clemons, of Marblehead, Ohio; and their only daughter, Georgia Clemons, married William Stokes, and died in early womanhood, leaving one son, Albert Stokes. Franklin Catherman, the eldest son, now residing in Kansas City, Missouri, married Abbie Wager, and they have five children, Dorothy, Laura, Clara, Georgia, and Herbert. William Catherman, a resident of Oregon, married, and is the father of four children, Lillian, Bessie, William, and Freda. Georgia Catherman, the only member of the family living in Sandusky at the present writing, in 1915, has taught in the first grade of the public schools for a period of thirty-five years, her term of service in that capacity bespeaking her efficiency and popularity as a teacher. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which her father likewise belonged. Mr. Catherman cast his first presidential vote for William Henry Harrison, in 1840, the whig candidate, and after the formation of the republican party was one of the most earnest supporters of its principles.

Ira T. Davis. A man of sterling worth and pronounced ability, the late Ira T. Davis was for many years closely associated with the advancement of the mercantile interests of Sandusky, and later, as an extensive dealer in real estate, did much toward promoting the business prosperity of the city. A son of David Davis, he was born, March 22, 1831, at Coram, Long Island, New York, coming from substantial Welsh ancestry.

A native of New York, David Davis was born on Long Island, December 18, 1801. Learning the trade of a carpenter, he followed it in his native county until 1840, when he migrated to Oswego County, New York, locating near Phoenix, where he bought a tract of timbered land, and when not busy at his trade was engaged in tilling the soil. Disposing of his farm in 1848, he purchased a home in Baldwinsville, Onondaga County, and was there a resident for six years. Coming to Erie County, Ohio, in 1854, he settled permanently in Sanduksy, and was here employed as a carpenter and builder during the remainder of his active life, dying at his home on April 5, 1879. He married Charity Bayless, who was born on Long Island, where her father, Thomas Bayless, spent his entire life. She passed to the higher life June 1, 1895, at the venerable age of eighty-eight years. She reared five children, namely: Urania, Ira T., John R., Maria A., and Joshua Bayless.

Brought up and educated in the Empire State, Ira T. Davis came to Sandusky to live about 1850, and soon after established himself in the grocery business on the east side of Columbus Avenue, between Market and Water streets, where he built up the extensive business now so successfully conducted by his nephew, Frank E. Davis. He continued there twenty-one years, and was afterwards engaged in the dry goods business for five years. His health failing, owing to his close confinement in the store, he sought employment that would keep him out of doors, and, embarking in the real estate business, built up a lucrative patronage, and continued a resident of Sandusky until his death, which occurred April 11, 1911.

Mr. Davis married, October 30, 1856, Eunice Ann Woolsey, who was born March 27, 1838, in Auburn, New York, and is of honored English ancestry, being a collateral descendant of Cardinal Woolsey. Her father, Luther S. Woolsey, Jr., was born in New York State, as was his father, Luther S. Woolsey, Sr. Soon after his marriage, he bought land in Jordan, New York, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, at the comparatively early age of fifty-three years. His wife, whose maiden name was Keturah Bloomer, was a native of New York, her birth having occurred at Marlborough on the Hudson, November 27, 1795. She survived her husband, and died at the home of her son Hiram, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, at the advanced age of four score and four years. Luther S. and Keturah Woolsey became the parents of fourteen children, twelve of whom grew to years of maturity, as follows: Elizabeth; Isaac B.; Asa T.; David; Johnston V.; Rebekah; Eveline; Luther S.; Charles; Mary; Eunice Ann, now Mrs. Davis; and Hiram B.

On October 30, 1906, Mr. and Mrs. Davis celebrated their golden wedding in the very home in which they began life together as bride and groom, and in which Mrs. Davis and her daughter Caroline are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Davis reared five children, namely: Adelbert B., Jennie D., Caroline O., Hattie, and Charles W. Adelbert married Lucy Cook, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and they have two children, Seth and Leonora. Jennie, now the wife of Dr. Charles E. Stroud, D. D. S., of Sandusky, has two children, Edgar J. and Ira T. Hattie, who married Burt I. Lamb, of Sandusky, now of Norwalk, Ohio, has eight children, Eunice, Horace, Margery, Davis, Robert, Edward, Willis, and John. Charles W., of Dallas, Texas, married Hester Perry, of Baltimore, Maryland, and they have two children, Caroline and Perry. Seth Davis, the eldest child of Adelbert Davis, married George De Witt, of Sandusky, and they have three children, De Witt, Seth, Jr., and Margery Ann. Ira T. Stroud, the oldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Stroud, married Josephine Renner, and they have two children, Charles and John. Edgar J., of Fort Wayne, Indiana, the youngest son, married Opal Pursley of Fort Wayne. As will be seen by the above record, Mrs. Davis has fourteen grandchildren now, in June, 1915, and five great-grandchildren. Mrs. Davis, although well advanced in years, retains full possession of her mental faculties, and show few of the marks of age, unless we regard as such the wisdom and serenity that happily come from useful activity, wide experience, and cheerful content. Miss Caroline Davis was graduated from the Sandusky High School with the class of 1884, and since January, 1886, has been successfully engaged in teaching. Becoming interested in Masonry through her father, she is now a member of the Eleanor Chapter No. 331, Order of the Eastern Star. Fraternally Mr. Davis was a member of Science Lodge No. 50, Free and Accepted Masons; of Sandusky Chapter, No. 72, Royal Arch Masons; of Sandusky Council No. 26, Royal and Select Masters; and of Erie Commandery No. 23, Knights Templar. He was a regular attendant of the Congregational Church, of which Mrs. Davis is a valued member.

Henry Clay Victor. In pioneer communities the tavern or inn was always an important center of community life. Much of the pioneer history of Sandusky involves the name of Henry Clay Victor, who was one of the very early settlers, and who for a number of years kept a tavern on what was then the outskirts of the village. While his life and career belong to the first half of the last century, it is an interesting fact that one of his children, Miss Florence A. Victor, is still a resident of Sandusky, her home being at 324 Fulton Street.

Henry Clay Victor was born in Pennsylvania about 1790. Little is known of his early life, or of his ancestry, but he came to Ohio when still a young man, and knew and was known by practically all the pioneers of

Erie County. His first location was near Venice, where he kept a tavern some time, and probably as early as 1820 came to Sandusky, and there continued his service for the entertainment of travelers. He purchased land at the northwest corner of Market and Decatur streets, erecting a commodious frame building for his purposes. At that time the location was on the edge of the small but flourishing town, and surrounding the tavern was a dense growth of hazel brush and trees. His fellow citizens thought him unwise to have built so far from the center of the town, and called his place "Victor's Folly." But subsequent growth and development proved the wisdom of his choice and as is well known that location is now almost in the heart of the city. The inn subsequently went by the name of Townsend House, and was continued under that name until it burned down a number of years later.

Mr. Victor sold his inn about 1840 and removed to Seneca County, where he bought a farm, and with the exception of about two years spent in Norwalk lived there until his death in 1848. He married Gertrude Nash, who represented one of the early pioneer families of Southern Ohio. She was born in New York City in July, 1799. Her maternal grandfather was Major Horton of White Plains, New York, and a soldier in the Revolution. Mrs. Victor's father came West and was one of the early settlers in Muskingum County, where he secured a large tract of land and founded the Town of Nashport, named in his honor, where both he and his wife spent their last years.

A few years after the death of her husband Mrs. Victor sold the old farm in Seneca County and returned to Sandusky where she lived until her death in 1882. Her first husband was a Mr. Cooke, and by that union there was a son named William Washington. By her marriage to Mr. Victor her eight children were Mary E., Caroline M., Orville James, Henry Clay, George W., Jacob N., Gertrude H. and Florence Annette. Miss Florence A. is the only one of the family now living in Sandusky. She is a well read woman, an interesting conversationalist on different topics, and cherishes the old recollections and associations of her family with early times in Sandusky.

Edward Leopold Steuk. Among the energetic and enterprising Erie County men who have met with assured success in the culture of grapes is Edward Leopold Steuk, of Sandusky, who has established an extensive and remunerative business in that line of industry. A son of William Edward Steuk, he was born, May 7, 1850, in the Village of Doneuvitz, Province of Podolia, Russia, of Prussian ancestry.

His grandfather, Johann Steuk, was born, bred and educated in Prussia. He learned the trade of cloth maker, and when the citizens of Poland gave special inducements to manufacturers willing to locate there he accepted the terms offered, he moved there with his family. A few years later he responded to a similar offer made by the citizens of Doneuvitz, Podolia, Russia, and was there engaged in the manufacture of woolen cloth until his death, in 1852. His wife, whose maiden name was Renate Mittelstaet, was born in Prussia, and died in 1857. They reared three children, as follows: William Edward, father of the subject of this sketch; Rosalia, who married Theodore Reetz, and spent her entire life in Doneuvitz; and Johanna, who, after her immigration to Ohio, married Philip Feick, and is now living in Sandusky.

William Edward Steuk was born in Jastrow, Prussia, September 29, 1816. As soon as he had completed his school life he began working in the factory, assisting his father in every department. Having mastered the details of the business, he engaged in the manufacturing of cloth in Doneuvitz on his own account, remaining in that village until 1853. Disposing then of his factory, he came with his wife and children to

America, the land of peace and prosperity. Making his way to Ohio, he located in Sandusky, which was then a small hamlet, much of the territory now included within the city limits being covered with brush or timber. Soon after his arrival he invested in land, buying a tract at the corner of Market and Decatur streets, and one on Adams Street. On the Market Street property there stood a grocery, which his wife subsequently managed, while he embarked in the clothing business on Water Street. The latter venture proved a failure, all of his ready money being swept away in a comparatively short time. In trying to decide what he should next do to retrieve his losses, he perceived that grape culture was a success on the nearby islands, and decided to try it. Selling his Adams Street land, he bought a tract lying two miles out, on the Venice Road, and began the raising of grape roots. Meeting with signal success in his undertakings, he there started a winery, and began the manufacture of native wine, thus establishing the business now carried on by his son Edward, and was thus employed until his death, September 4, 1876.

The maiden name of the wife of William Edward Steuk was Johanna Straese. She was born in Osarkow, Poland, in 1823, coming of German ancestry, and died, November 21, 1894, in Erie County. She reared four of her seven children, as follows: Matilda Henrietta, born March 26, 1843; Huldah Amelia, born February 7, 1845; Edward L., the subject of this brief sketch; and Adelaide Margaret, born June 13, 1854.

But three years old when brought by his parents to Sandusky, Edward Leopold Steuk was educated in the public schools, and as a boy and youth assisted his father in his horticultural labors. Interested in the work, he soon became familiar with its details, and in 1874 was admitted to partnership with his father, and is now sole proprietor of the entire business, which is in a flourishing condition. Mr. Steuk's winery is located at the corner of Market and Decatur streets, on land which has been owned by the Steuk family for upwards of three score years.

Mr. Steuk married, in 1881, Julia Harms. Her father, Louis Harms, was the pioneer grape grower at Put in Bay, where he was established for a few years, but later went to Euclid, a suburb of Cleveland, where he planted the first vineyard of that locality, it being now operated by his son, Mrs. Steuk's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Steuk have three children, namely: William, Ludwig, who has relieved his father of the management of the winery; Elmer Carl; and Edward Frederick. William L. married Edith Schultz. True to the religion in which he was reared, Mr. Steuk is a valued member of the Lutheran Church, and has reared his children in the same faith. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

Charles B. Lockwood. One of the oldest business men still in active work at Sandusky is Charles B. Lockwood, who was for many years connected with the railroad interests of Northern Ohio, has also been extensively interested in manufacturing, and for about twenty years has been proprietor of a large box factory in Sandusky. He represents a family which has been identified with Northern Ohio for fully a century, and one which was early settled in the northeastern colonies.

Charles B. Lockwood was born at what is known as Plaster Beds in Ottawa County, Ohio. His father was William Brown Lockwood, and his grandfather Samuel Mills Lockwood. From the history of the Lockwood family in America published by Frederick A. Holden and E. Dunbar Lockwood, the following information concerning the family is condensed in proper form for this article. The founder of the family in

America was Robert Lockwood, a native of England, who came to this country in 1630 and located at Watertown, Massachusetts. There he and his wife Susanna spent the rest of their days. The next in line was their son Gershom Lockwood, who married Lady Ann Millington, daughter of Lord Millington of England. They lived in Greenwich, Connecticut. The next in line was their son Joseph, whose son Joseph married Charity Knapp, and they were the parents of Jared Lockwood. Jared Lockwood, the great-grandfather of Charles B., served as sergeant during the Revolutionary war, and had interesting record as a soldier which can be found in the pages of the family genealogy above mentioned. Sergt. Jared Lockwood married Betsey Skelding. From Connecticut they removed to Albany, New York, where they spent the rest of their lives. Betsey survived her husband, and for several years was a pensioner.

Samuel Mills Lockwood, grandfather of Charles B., was born in Connecticut January 28, 1787, lived a number of years in Albany, New York, and from that city started to the West soon after the close of the War of 1812, about 1816, and with wagons and teams crossed New York and arriving in Ohio located on the Peninsula of Ottawa County. He had come to Ohio as agent for the sale of "fire lands" and surveyed and sold most of the district in Danbury and Portage townships. He built a substantial stone house in that section which is still standing and is owned and occupied by his descendants. Samuel M. Lockwood was twice married. His first wife was Mary Doughty and his second was her sister Gertrude Doughty. Their father, Samuel Doughty, was a civil engineer, and surveyed a large part of New York City, where he lived and died.

William Brown Lockwood, who was born in Albany, New York, in 1811, was five years of age when the family came to Ohio. He attended some of the primitive schools of Ottawa County, and in early life followed farming, leaving that occupation to become a partner with George B. Smith, under the name Lockwood & Smith, engaged in the operation of plaster beds for a number of years in Ottawa County. In 1850 he came to Sandusky and bought the Bay City Flour Mills, which at that time had a capacity of 125 barrels of flour per day. This mill was under his management a few years, after which he became associated with L. S. Hubbard in the grain business, later was with Thornton & Fitzhugh, and still later for a number of years was in the grain trade by himself. He continued to live at Sandusky until his death in 1892 at the age of eighty-two. William Brown Lockwood married Sarah A. Hyde, who died December 25, Christmas Day, 1865. She reared five children, whose names were Mary, Lane, Sarah, Charles B. and Kate. The daughter Sarah married a Mr. Deyo, while Kate married Lawrence Hastings.

Charles B. Lockwood spent his boyhood and early youth in the locality known as Plaster Beds in Ottawa County, attended country schools there, and finished his education in Sandusky. His has been a long and active business career, and faithfulness and hard work have accomplished in his case the usual rewards. On leaving school he became bookkeeper for F. T. Barney at the Bay City Flour Mills. A few months later he entered the employ of the Mad River Railroad Company, and continued in the railroad business with this company and its successors as clerk, agent and general freight agent for a period of twenty-three years. He was then agent for the Midland Line for one year, resigning that place to engage in the manufacture of sulky plows for one year. He then accepted the position of auditor of the I. B. & W. Railway, and after this return to railway service continued from 1885 to 1890. Two years after his resignation from the office of auditor he spent as secretary

of the Sandusky Tool Company, and since that time has been engaged in the box manufacturing business, having operated a large plant with steady success for the last twenty-two years.

In October, 1866, Charles B. Lockwood married Marion C. Pierce. She was born in Dalton, Massachusetts, a daughter of William M. and Lucinda Pierce, and her death occurred in 1907. Mr. Lockwood cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, and continued to vote the republican ticket until 1884, at which time he became an independent in politics. Since youth he has been hard of hearing, and in spite of this handicap has been an unusually successful business man. On account of this defect he was not accepted for service in the Civil war, but was a member of a home guard organization known as the Loyal Legion. Outside of business his chief diversion has been in boating, and he has owned several notable sail and power boats, and has sailed them in different regattas and boat races, has been awarded several prizes, and among his trophies has loving cups and a number of medals. On account of his interest and activity in boating circles at Sandusky he is familiarly known among his friends and associates as Commodore Lockwood.

Lane Lockwood was born April 22, 1838, in Ottawa County, Ohio, and is a son of W. B. and Sarah (Hyde) Lockwood. W. B. Lockwood was born at Albany, New York, and in early life came to Ottawa County, where he entered upon a career in which he was engaged in various pursuits, all connected with the rising commercial and industrial interests of this rapidly advancing part of Ohio. One of his earliest ventures was in mining gypsum. In 1850 Mr. Lockwood took up his residence at Sandusky, where he entered the mercantile business. His energies also found an outlet in shipping, operating a line of boats on the bay and Great Lakes. He took an interest also in public affairs, was active in politics and at one time served as auditor of Ottawa County. In early life a whig, when the republican party was founded he joined that organization and remained a stanch advocate of the principles of the grand old party up to the time of his death. He was the father of five children, of whom four are living, Lane being the second in order of birth.

Lane Lockwood was reared in Ottawa County, where he received a somewhat limited education in the public schools, and when the Civil war came on joined an Ohio regiment of volunteer infantry and served under the flag of the Union. He was paymaster's clerk several months and served 100 days in 1864. In 1867 he began his banking career, which extended over a period of forty years, and this line of endeavor continued to occupy his labors and ability until the time of his retirement. He was assistant postmaster for about six years. Mr. Lockwood was a member of the Sandusky Board of Education for eight years. Fraternally he is well known in Masonry, having gone through all the Masonic bodies up to and including the commandery. He has always taken an interest in his old army comrades and is a member of McMeans Post No. 191, G. A. R., of which he was adjutant five years. His first presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln, and since that time he has supported the candidates and policies of the republican party.

On November 23, 1864, Mr. Lockwood was united in marriage with Mary P. Gill of Ottawa County, and the children born to this union are as follows: Mrs. Louise L. Crawford, Mrs. Anna G. Fyffe and Miss Mary Ruth Lockwood.

DeLos C. Ransom. More than ninety years have gone since the Ransom family first became established in Erie County, Ohio. The work and influence of several generations have entered into the fabric of present day civilization, and as farmers, business men, soldiers and all

De Los C. Ransom
and his wife
Caroline Taylor

around good citizens they have played a most honorable part. DeLos C. Ransom, who has for many years been identified with the real estate business in Sandusky, is a native of Erie County, enlisted from this county for a long and active service in the Civil war, and for a number of years followed farming before his removal to Sandusky.

DeLos C. Ransom was born in Perkins Township of Erie County, August 28, 1840. He is the great-grandson of Joseph Ransom, who was born in Connecticut, and with the Connecticut state troops served in the Revolutionary war. He was wounded in the battle at Saratoga. Late in life he followed some of his children to Huron County, Ohio, and lived with his son in Eldridge Township, in what is now Berlin Township of Erie County. After a few years this old soldier and his cousin John embarked on a sail vessel from Huron with the intention of visiting Connecticut. After the boat left port nothing was ever heard of it nor its crew and passengers. The wife of the old Revolutionary veteran survived him several years and was buried on the Wood farm in Berlin Township.

The grandfather of DeLos C. Ransom was Russell Ransom, who was born in Connecticut, and in 1823, with wife and children, came out to Ohio. The trip was made overland with teams and wagons, and they were a month on the way, camping out by the roadside or stopping at the inns which flanked all the roads of overland travel in those days. Arriving in what is now Erie County he bought land in Berlin Township. It was covered with a dense growth of forest and his first work was to put up a log cabin. After that he began clearing off the trees and put in a crop among the stumps. As is well known to historical students, this section of Northern Ohio was still an almost unbroken wilderness, and the pioneers found abundant supplies for their table in the wild game which was everywhere in the woods and along the streams. Russell Ransom in time had cleared up a large tract of land, replaced the old log house with a substantial frame building, and lived there until his death at the age of eighty years, his wife having preceded him to the better land. Her maiden name was Wickham. Their nine children were named Isaac W., Mitchell, Diodot, Henry, Asa, Frederick, Lydia, Harriet and Lois. When the Ransom family first settled in Northern Ohio there was practically no market for grain. Most of the settlers raised their own provisions, and for supplies that could not be grown on their own land or found in the woods they paid by raising live stock, which was driven to distant markets. The opening of better communication between the west and the eastern markets through the completion of the Erie Canal about 1825 made the raising of grain profitable, and after that the Ransoms and other agricultural settlers in Northern Ohio began to prosper.

Isaac Ransom, father of DeLos C., was born in Connecticut in 1814, and was about nine years of age when he came out to Ohio with the other members of the family. Though a boy of tender years he accomplished almost the entire journey on foot. After reaching maturity he secured a tract of land in Perkins Township, erected a log house with only a small window to let in light and air. He had the usual experiences of the pioneer of the '30s and '40s, and with his own toil and the aid of his children cleared up a good farm. In time his prosperity was measured by the erection of a fine brick house with suitable farm buildings, and he lived there until his death on February 22, 1888. Isaac Ransom married Mary Wright. She was born at Fishkill, New York, in 1818 and died January 15, 1897. Her father was Benjamin Wright, who was born in Fishkill, New York, and was a soldier of the War of 1812. He came to Ohio about 1830, settling in what is now Berlin Township of Erie County, where he bought land and improved a farm and lived there until his death at the age of eighty-eight. Benjamin Wright married a Miss Baker, who was also a native of Fishkill and who died before her

husband. Isaac Ransom and wife reared two sons: DeLos C. and George A. The latter died at the age of fifty years, leaving two sons named Ross Delos and Webster Hamilton. These boys at the time of their father's death were aged twelve and ten respectively, and after that were reared in the home of their uncle, DeLos Ransom, who was their guardian and looked after their interests and welfare until they were independent and self-supporting.

DeLos C. Ransom attended the country schools of Perkins Township, and in 1860 graduated from the Sandusky High School. After that he taught for a time in the old schoolhouse near the brick church in Perkins Township, during the winter of 1860-61, his wages being a dollar a day, and as was the custom of the time, "boarding around" with the various families who were patrons of the school. The quiet pursuits of civil life were interrupted by the outbreak of the war, and in August, 1862, he enlisted in Company G of the One Hundred and Twenty-third Ohio Infantry. He went south with this regiment, and was with it in its campaigns, marches and battles. The regiment was captured June 15, 1863, and for a short time Mr. Ransom boarded with Jeff Davis at Libby Prison in Richmond. After being paroled he was detailed as clerk at brigade headquarters, and was present at the surrender of Lee, and only a few rods from the "Lane House" where Grant and Lee met and arranged terms of surrender. He witnessed the stirring scenes at Appomattox, when the Confederate soldiers were disbanded and started for their homes, stripped of their arms but loaded with provisions given them by Uncle Sam. The One Hundred and Twenty-third Ohio Regiment received special praise in a report from General Grant, in which it was said that this small aggregation of troops, comprising 600 men, including a portion of the One Hundred and Twenty-third Ohio and Fifty-fourth Pennsylvania, had inflicted a loss upon the enemy of more than their entire number. Mr. Ransom was honorably discharged in June, 1865, and after his return to Erie County became associated with his brother George in managing the old homestead. Since 1877 Mr. Ransom has lived in Sandusky, and has transacted a large aggregate of business in real estate lines. He was a member of plating commission of Sandusky for two years which was its length of existence.

On December 24, 1869, he married Caroline Taylor, who was born March 24, 1839, a daughter of Nelson and Martha (Akins) Taylor. Nelson Taylor was a farmer of Perkins Township and served as a member of one of the early boards of commissioners of the county. Mrs. Ransom died October 6, 1901. Mr. Ransom is affiliated with McMeen's Post of the Grand Army of the Republic and has always stood high in Grand Army circles and in the general business and social life of his home city.

The engraving accompanying this article pictures the home life of Caroline Taylor Ransom and DeLos C. Ransom. He has two serial stories (partly read to her in her last sickness) to have her hear him finish in that land of wholly happy intellectual companionship in which he soon hopes to rejoin her.

Louis W. Herbel. A resident of Erie County from the time of his birth to the present, Mr. Herbel is a scion of one of the sterling German families that was here founded more than sixty years ago, and like his father he has stood exponent of productive industry, steadfast integrity and loyal citizenship. Since March, 1913, he has held the responsible and exacting office of superintendent of the Erie County Infirmary, and his administration has been marked by circumspection, excellent executive policies, careful attention to all details conserving economy, and kindly consideration for the unfortunate wards entrusted to him and to

his devoted wife, who is the matron of the institution, both being held in high esteem by all who know them.

Mr. Herbel was born in the City of Sandusky, this county, on the 10th of May, 1855, and is a son of John and Catherine (Weier) Herbel, both of whom were born and reared in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, a district that has contributed an appreciable quota to the population of this favored section of the Buckeye State. John Herbel continued his residence in the German fatherland until 1852, when he immigrated with his wife and their children to the United States, the long and weary voyage having been made on a sailing vessel of the type common to that day. They landed in the port of New York City and soon afterward made their way to Ohio. For a short time they resided in Sandusky, which city was then a mere village, and then the father established the family home in Milan Village, in which place he resided ten years and was employed as head sawyer in the Samuel Merry saw mills. On September 4, 1864, he was enlisted as a private in Company E of the 179th Ohio Infantry and served ten months, and at the expiration of that time received an honorable discharge on June 27, 1865. He then became the owner of a farm in Oxford Township, and on this homestead both he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives, he having passed away on the 1st of May, 1890, and his devoted companion having followed him to eternal rest twenty-two years later.

Louis W. Herbel acquired his early education in the schools of Oxford Township and has not failed in later years to profit fully from the lessons gained under the direction of the wise head-master, experience. He became one of the progressive and successful farmers of Oxford Township, where he continued his operations for a term of many years. He then removed to the City of Sandusky, which has represented his home during the intervening years, and in him the people of the county have found a most able and popular incumbent of the position of superintendent of the county infirmary, which is situated in the immediate vicinity of the city. In politics Mr. Herber accords unswerving allegiance to the democratic party and he has been active as a worker in its local ranks.

On the 11th of January, 1882, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Herbel to Miss Louisa H. Keller, a daughter of the late Joseph Keller, of Milan Township, and the one child of this union is Fred J., who still resides in Sandusky.

Clarence Doolittle Peck, D. D. S. The leading dentists of Erie County have no more worthy representative than Clarence D. Peck of Sandusky, who has won for himself a prominent and honored name in professional circles, and is widely known as secretary of the Northern Ohio Dental Association. He was born in Streetsboro Township, Portage County, Ohio, a son of Rufus Henry and Amerza (Doolittle) Peck. His mother was the second wife of his father, whose first marriage was to Sarah Lappin.

Gleaning his first knowledge of the common branches of study in the public schools of his native township, Clarence D. Peck subsequently attended the Kent High School. Leaving that institution he learned the business of good cheese and butter making, and for several years was foreman of his father's cheese factory and creamery. At the age of nineteen he assumed charge of the district school in which his father had first taught. His natural tastes and aptitude leading him to choose a professional career, he subsequently entered the dental department of the University of Michigan, and was graduated with the class of 1881. Returning to Ohio, Dr. Peck engaged in the practice of his profession at Martins Ferry for a year, and then settled in Sandusky, where he has

since remained. He has been successful from the start, winning a noteworthy position in the community not only as a skillful dentist but as a popular and esteemed citizen.

Dr. Peck married June 18, 1895, Jennie Farwell, who was born in Sandusky, a daughter of Captain Jonathan Walter and Cordelia Ann (Till) Farwell. The only daughter born of the union of Dr. and Mrs. Peck, a beautiful girl, named Katherine, died at the age of eight years.

Dr. Peck belongs to numerous organizations, being a member of the Ohio State Dental Association, of the Northern Ohio Dental Association, the oldest dental organization in existence, having been formed in 1857, and of which he has been secretary for nine years. For twelve years he was a member of Company B of the 16th Ohio National Guard, and during that time served in consecutive order as private, corporal, sergeant, first sergeant, second lieutenant and first lieutenant. He was one of the pioneers in rifle practice of the state, and participated with a team from Company B against other teams from his regiment and from other regiments in various rifle contests. Fraternally he is a member of Science Lodge No. 50, Free and Accepted Masons, and both he and Mrs. Peck belong to Eleanor Chapter No. 331, Order of the Eastern Star. Both are likewise members of Grace Episcopal Church.

Charles Graefe, M. D. A distinguished physician and surgeon of Sandusky, Ohio, Charles Graefe, M. D., has not only gained marked prestige in his profession, but is widely known as a progressive and public-spirited citizen, and a man of ability and integrity. He has invented several devices that are quite generally used in surgery, and has been quite an extensive writer, contributing articles of much interest to various magazines and periodicals. A native of Sandusky, he was born January 10, 1859, being a son of Dr. Philip and Dorothea (Kranz) Graefe, of whom a brief sketch may be found elsewhere in this work.

Springing from a family noted for its mental attainments, many of its members having won distinction in literary and professional circles, and being the son of an able physician and surgeon, Charles Graefe commenced life under very favorable circumstances. Obtaining his rudimentary education in the Sandusky schools, he continued his studies at Oberlin College. In the meantime he took up the study of medicine with his father, and later entered the medical department of the University of Wooster, where he was graduated with high honors in 1880. He subsequently received a diploma from the Western Reserve College, in Cleveland, after which, in order to further advance his professional knowledge, Dr. Graefe spent three years in Europe, taking a practical course of training in the hospitals at Heidelberg, Leipsic, and Vienna. Returning then to Sandusky, his mind broadened and intellect quickened; not only by extensive travel and intelligent study, but through contact with men of superior ability and talent, he at once entered upon a practice which he has since successfully continued, being now one of the leading physicians and surgeons of this section of the state.

Since casting his first presidential vote, in 1884, for Grover Cleveland, the Doctor has been prominently identified with the democratic party, in 1902 being his party's candidate for state senator. For twelve years he was president of the Sandusky Board of Education. At the time of his election to that important office there was a school indebtedness of $100,000, and during his term of service not only was the entire indebtedness paid, but three fine schoolhouses were erected and equipped.

Dr. Graefe is a member of the Erie County Medical Society; of the Ohio State Medical Society; of the American Medical Association; of the North West Ohio Medical Association, which he served as president in 1896; and is Fellow of the American College of Surgery.

In 1891 Dr. Graefe married Catherine Dorn, a daughter of John Philip and Margaret (Kern) Dorn. Three children have blessed the union of Doctor and Mrs. Graefe, namely: Carl F., Catherine, and Elza. Mrs. Graefe is a very accomplished vocalist and graduated in Cincinnati from the Conservatory of Music and studied for two years in Berlin. She takes part in most of the musical events in her home city. She is a member of the library board and a member of the advisory board of the Good Samaritan Hospital.

JAMES D. PARKER. On January 18, 1915, James D. Parker passed from the scenes of his labors in Erie County, but the memory of his pure life, his many benefactions and his kindly deeds still remains. A man of sterling character, he was honorable in business, stanch in his friendships, sincere in his religious professions and true to every trust, and probably no man has ever lived in Perkins Township whose death caused more general regret and a sense of greater community loss.

James D. Parker was born near Monroeville, Huron County, Ohio, February 17, 1850, and was nearly sixty-five years of age at his death. His parents were Joshua and Jane (Francis) Parker, both of whom were born in England and were of substantial English stock. They came to America and settled in Huron County, and for many years lived at Monroeville.

James D. Parker grew up near that village, and his primary education came from the public schools, including the Monroeville High School. When in his eighteenth year he went to Sandusky and for a time was a student in the old Buckeye Business College in that city. Here there came in evidence a quality which was manifested frequently in his maturer years. That was an ability not only to comprehend but to make others understand the knowledge which was so clear in his own mental channels. He became an instructor in the business college, and subsequently bought the school and conducted it as its proprietor until 1875, when on account of ill health he was obliged to sell out.

Following this business experience Mr. Parker moved to a farm in Perkins Township, locating on what is known as Yankee Street, and was profitably engaged in general agriculture there for six years. He then turned his attention to merchandising, and bought the general store at the little Village of Bogart, and was the successful proprietor and the genial merchant at that point for more than twenty years, until 1902. It was only a logical expression of his character that in his work as a merchant he should be known for a strict integrity and high standard of commercial methods, which governed all his transactions. He had a large trade, and his customers were constant in their patronage. He also served as postmaster of Bogart fourteen years, and in 1897 succeeded Thomas Wood as superintendent of the Sandusky, Milan and Norwalk Electric Railroad, and managed that interurban line during 1897, 1898 and 1899. He was one of the original promoters of this railway, which was a notable distinction as having been among the first electric interurban lines in the United States.

In 1902 Mr. Parker retired from merchandising at Bogart and removed to the home where he had his residence thirteen years until his death. During that time he served a number of years as justice of the peace in Perkins Township and was also a notary public. For three years preceding his death he was secretary of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Erie County.

His part as a citizen was characterized by the utmost public spirit, and throughout his life he labored unselfishly to improve conditions in his home township and county. In politics he was a republican, and was a member of the Erie County Humane Society and at one time president

of the Erie County board of visitors. He was one of the prominent Masons of Erie County, having affiliations with Science Lodge No. 50, F. & A. M.; Sandusky City Chapter No. 72, R. A. M.; Sandusky City Council No. 26, R. & S. M.; Erie Commandery No. 23, Knights Templars; and with the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite. The Knights Templars had charge of his funeral services.

Aside from these varied interests Mr. Parker's enthusiasm was perhaps best manifested in his relations to the Perkins Grange. It is said that his activities in that body would constitute an important part of its entire history. He served for several years as master of the grange, and his genial manner and good humor brought pleasure to every gathering. He exemplified throughout his life a sterling Christianity. Personally he was noted for his dry humor, which always gave a certain spice of interest to his conversation, but probably his dominant trait was his tireless industry. He was for many years identified with the Methodist Church, which he served as treasurer, trustee and steward. He had united with the Methodist society in Sandusky soon after his marriage, and thence transferred his membership to the Perkins church and surrendered his official places in that society only a short time before his death.

Mr. Parker was married November 3, 1869, to Miss Sarah S. Gurley, who survives him. Mrs. Parker was born at Avery in Erie County, Ohio, a daughter of William B. and Nancy J. (Stevenson) Gurley, her father a native of Connecticut and her mother also of New England stock. Mrs. Parker's grandfather was Rev. William Gurley, one of the Methodist pioneers of Ohio. Throughout his career as a minister Rev. William Gurley displayed the enthusiasm which he had acquired by his early associations with the founder of Methodism, Rev. John Wesley. Rev. Mr. Gurley was ordained in Ireland by this noted divine and after coming to the new world located in Bloomingville, Ohio, in 1811. He was one of the earliest circuit riders, and for many years carried on his arduous and self-sacrificing labors in behalf of humanity, and two of his sons followed his calling in ministry.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Parker were born five children: Eva J., now deceased, who married Mr. James Jarrett, of Erie County; Laura F., who died in infancy; Dr. Jay D. Parker, a successful and well known physician at Sandusky; Mrs. Jessie A., the wife of Lee S. Merriam, of Bogart, Ohio; and Leila M., who is a graduate of the Milan High School and lives at Bogart with her mother. Mr. Parker was also survived by two half-brothers, Charles and Lewis Parker, of Shelby, Ohio. At the time of his death there were also seven grandchildren. Mrs. Parker and her daughter enjoy the comforts of a modest and desirable home at Bogart, and are esteemed members of social circles in Perkins Township.

James D. Parker, M. D. One of the leading homoeopathic physicians of Sandusky, James D. Parker, M. D., was born in Perkins Township, Erie County, Ohio, a son of James D. Parker, Sr.

Joshua Parker, the Doctor's paternal grandfather, was born and reared near Boston, England. Immigrating to America when young, he came directly to Erie County, settling in the vicinity of Milan. Ohio was then but sparsely settled, and there being no railroads in the state Milan was a shipping point for a large stretch of country, people living a hundred miles distant taking their surplus products there to sell or exchange. Working for Thomas Butman, his first employer, a number of years, he saved his scant earnings, and later bought a tract of land lying between Norwalk and Monroeville. On the farm which he cleared

and improved, he spent the remainder of his days. His wife, whose maiden name was Jane Francis, was also a native of England.

Born on the home farm in Huron County, February 17, 1850, James D. Parker, Sr., acquired his elementary education in the rural schools of his native district, afterward continuing his studies at the Monroeville High School. At the age of seventeen years he came to Sandusky to attend the Buckeye Business College, and after studying there a year became a teacher in the institution. Two years later he bought out the institution, which he conducted successfully for six years. Being forced to give up teaching on account of failing health, he sold out, and moved to Perkins Township, where he carried on general farming until 1881. Disposing of his land in that year, he was engaged in mercantile pursuits at Bogart until 1902, when he retired from active business, although he subsequently served as deputy county treasurer, and as deputy county auditor. He continued his residence in Bogart the remainder of his life, dying January 18, 1915. He was a member of Science Lodge No. 50. Free and Accepted Masons; of Sandusky City Chapter No. 72, Royal Arch Masons; of Sandusky City Council No. 26, Royal and Select Masters; of Erie Commandery No. 23, Knights Templars; and of the Toledo Consistory. He was a stanch republican in politics, and served as justice of the peace, and as postmaster at Bogart.

The maiden name of the wife of James D. Parker, Sr., was Sarah Gurley, who was born in Huron County, Ohio, a daughter of William D. Gurley. Her paternal grandfather, Rev. William D. Gurley, was born, reared and educated in County Wexford, Ireland, and there, after serving an apprenticeship at the silversmith's trade, was for a while engaged in the jewelry business. Converted, and ordained as a preacher by John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, he, with other Protestants, was persecuted and imprisoned. In 1801 he immigrated to the United States, and after spending a few weeks in New York City went to Norwalk, Connecticut, where he was engaged in the jewelry business for ten years. In 1811, accompanied by his wife and five children, he made an overland journey to Ohio, coming by team to Erie County. From his brother-in-law, John Beatty, he bought land lying near the present site of Bloomingville, becoming a pioneer of that section of the state, and the first preacher to locate permanently in that vicinity. He preached in different places, assisted in organizing many churches, being ever an active, faithful worker in the Master's vineyard. He died at his farm house, near Spears Corners, his remains being laid to rest in the rural cemetery near Bogart. He married Susan Beatty, who was born in Ireland, and died on the home farm in 1848, the same year that he did, at the age of seventy years.

William D. Gurley, the Doctor's maternal grandfather, was born July 31, 1811, in Norwalk, Connecticut, and was but an infant when brought to Erie County, where he grew to manhood amid pioneer scenes. It is said that in 1832 he walked from Milan, Ohio, to Chicago, where he found a very small village, containing a fort, five stores, and six houses, all of which were made of logs. Returning to Ohio, he followed his trade of a wagonmaker in Perkins Township, and also engaged in general farming, remaining there until his death, in 1896, at the venerable age of eighty-five years. The house which he and his family occupied was quite a pretentious structure for those days, having been built of stone in 1822. He married Nancy Jane Stevenson, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1817, and died in Perkins Township in 1880. They reared six children, their daughter Sarah, the Doctor's mother, being now a resident of Bogart. To her and her husband four children were born, as follows: Eva; James D., the special subject of this sketch; Jessie; and Lelia.

Completing the course of study in the district schools, James D. Parker was subsequently graduated from the Sandusky High School with the class of 1894. . Going then to Cleveland, he attended lectures at the homoeopathic medical department of the Ohio State University, and was there graduated in 1900 with the degree of M. D. He has since been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine at Sandusky, where his professional knowledge and skill have won for him an extensive and lucrative patronage.

The Doctor belongs to the leading medical organizations of the country, including the Ohio Homoeopathic Medical Association; the American Institute; and the American Railway Surgeons' Association. Fraternally he is a member of Science Lodge No. 50, Free and Accepted Masons; of Sandusky City Chapter No. 72, Royal Arch Masons; of Sandusky City Council No. 26, Royal and Select Masters; of Erie Commandery No. 23, Knights Templars; and of the Toledo Consistory.

Dr. Parker married, in 1900, Frances Glen Day, who was born at Elmore, Ohio, a daughter of Amos and Edna Day, and into the pleasant home thus established five children have made their advent, namely: Ruth, Virginia, James, Watson, and Lester.

Philip Graefe, M. D. Prominent among the pioneer physicians of Erie County was the late Philip Graefe, M. D., who was for many years actively and successfully engaged in the practice of medicine at Sandusky, where now, in 1915, two of his sons, Dr. William Graefe and Dr. Charles Graefe, are successful physicians, and where his other son, Henry Graefe, is president of the Citizens Bank. One of his grandsons, Henry Graefe, M. D., is likewise a physician, located at Sandusky.

A native of Germany, Dr. Philip Graefe was born, in 1825, at Weisbaden, where he grew to man's estate, and was liberally educated, as an earnest student delving deep into the sources of knowledge. As was natural to a man of his mental calibre, he chose a professional career, fitting himself for a physician. Taking an active part in the revolutionary movement of 1847 and 1848, he was forced to leave Germany. Choosing America as his future place of residence, Dr. Graefe came directly to Ohio, and for a time was engaged in the practice of medicine at Sandusky, where he first located in 1848. Being induced to go east, he spent a year or two in Orange, New Jersey, but did not like the place well enough to settle there permanently. Returning, therefore, to Sandusky, which was then but a small city, although an enterprising one, the Doctor resumed the practice of his profession, remaining here until his death. His skill and promptness in meeting and combating the various ills to which mankind is subject, and his devotion to his patients, gained him the good will of the people, and a place of note among the more popular and successful physicians of this section of the state.

Dr. Graefe married Dorothea Kranz, who was born in Weisbaden, Germany, a daughter of Balthazer and Elizabeth Kranz. She survived him. Four children were born of their union, three sons, William, Henry and Charles, who are mentioned above; and one daughter, Elizabeth, who died at the age of thirty years. The Doctor never shirked the responsibilities of public office, but served acceptably as a member of the city council, and as a member of the Sandusky board of health. He was one of the organizers of the Third National Bank and its vice president for a number of years, later becoming one of the organizers of the Citizens National Bank, now the Citizens Bank, and in this institution he served as a director for a number of years.

Dr. William Graefe. Actively devoting himself to one of the most exacting of all the higher lines of occupation to which a man may bend

Philip Buerkle

his energies, Dr. William Graefe has won a prominent position among the foremost physicians and surgeons of Sandusky, where he has a large and remunerative practice. Of honored German ancestry on both sides of the house, he was born January 18, 1851, in Orange, New Jersey, a son of Dr. Philip and Dorothea (Kranz) Graefe, of whom further account may be found on another page of this volume.

A small child when brought by his parents to Sandusky, William Graefe obtained his preliminary education in the public schools of this city, and under the wise tuition of his father began the study of medicine. He subsequently attended lectures at the Cleveland Medical College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1870. Desirous of further advancing his professional knowledge, Dr. Graefe then spent nearly three years in Europe, practicing in the leading hospitals of the more important cities of that country, gaining valuable experience and much skill in the use of medicine and surgery. Returning to Ohio, the Doctor located in Sandusky, where he has since made rapid strides in his professional career, and has gained to an eminent degree the confidence of the entire community.

Dr. Graefe is a man of good financial ability, and is an extensive owner of city property of value. He is also a stockholder in various corporations, and is vice president of the Citizens Bank. He takes an intelligent interest in public matters, and has served as a member of the Sandusky Board of Health, and for eleven years was a member of the Sandusky Board of Education.

Professionally the Doctor belongs to the Erie County Medical Society, to the Ohio State Medical Society, and to the American Medical Association. Fraternally he is a member of Science Lodge No. 50, Free and Accepted Masons; of Sandusky City Chapter No. 72, Royal Arch Masons; of Sandusky City Council No. 26, Royal and Select Masters; of Erie Commandery No. 23, Knights Templar; and is likewise a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Hon. Philip Buerkle. A prominent and progressive citizen of Sandusky, Erie County, Hon. Philip Buerkle has ably and satisfactorily filled various municipal offices, for four years serving as mayor of the city. A son of August Buerkle, he was born March 7, 1855, in Bergen County, New Jersey, on his father's farm. His grandparents on the paternal side spent their entire lives in Baden, Germany, as did most of their children, although two of them came to America, namely: August; and Caroline, who became the wife of Anton Giedemann, of Sandusky.

August Buerkle was born in 1828, in Orschweier, Baden, Germany, and there, soon after entering his "teens," he began an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade, and while thus employed became proficient in the art of making nails by hand, the only way known at that early day. During his early manhood he served in the German army, belonging to a company of heavy artillery. In 1854, accompanied by his wife, he came to America, crossing the ocean in a sailing vessel and being sixty-two days on the water. Landing in New York, he at once proceeded to New Jersey, and there, in Bergen County, was for three years engaged in tilling the soil. Migrating westward in 1857, he located in Sandusky, Ohio, where he first secured work in the blacksmith shops connected with the Mad River Railroad, later working for Ben Iceman. Early in 1865 he enlisted in the One Hundred and Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the termination of the war. Returning home, he became stationary engineer in the machine shop of Krotz & Kromer, and continued with that firm and its successors the remainder of his active life. He died at his home in Sandusky in April, 1905, honored and respected by all who knew him.

August Buerkle married Mrs. Barbara (Kek) Cordier, a widow with one son, Louis Cordier. She was born in the Village of Waldrenach, Wurtemburg, Germany, and died, in 1897, in Sandusky, Ohio. Of this marriage two children were born and reared, as follows: Wilhelmina, wife of Adolph Feglestahler; and Philip.

Acquiring his preliminary education in the public and private schools of Sandusky, Philip Buerkle entered the office of the Sandusky Herold, where he obtained a thorough knowledge of the art preservative. In 1872, having completed his apprenticeship, he began his career as a journeyman printer, working at his trade in various cities, including Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis. Returning to Sandusky in 1879, Mr. Buerkle was first employed in the office of the Tribune, later in that of the Register, and then in the office of the Demokrat, continuing at the printer's trade until 1891. In that year Mr. Buerkle was elected mayor of Sandusky for a term of two years, and in 1893 had the honor of being re-elected to the same important position with a large majority of the votes cast at the polls. In 1895 he was appointed notary public by President McKinley. In 1897 Mr. Buerkle formed a partnership with Albert C. Lermann, with whom he has since been prosperously engaged in the insurance, real estate and loan business.

In 1882 Mr. Buerkle was united in marriage with Miss Sophia Giedemann, a daughter of John and Theresa Giedemann, of whom further account may be found on another page of this biographical work. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Buerkle has been blessed by the birth of two children, namely: Wilhelmina, who married William B. Moon, and has two children, Virginia Moon and Richard Paul Moon; and Amelia.

Mr. Buerkle is now president of the Demokrat Publishing Company, which is in a flourishing condition. He has always been a steadfast adherent of the democratic party, supporting its principles by vote and voice. For four years he was an active member of the Sandusky board of education, and for four years served as a member of the city council, being president of that body during the last year of service.

Conrad Frey. In the death of Conrad Frey on July 10, 1899, Perkins Township sustained the loss of an excellent and high-minded citizen, a man whose rugged integrity commanded confidence and esteem, and who well deserved all the success and popularity that came to him during his many years of residence in Erie County.

A resident of this county for half a century, Conrad Frey was born in Baden, Germany, January 4, 1836, a son of Conrad and Julia (Wells) Frey. In 1848 the family left Baden and by one of the old-time and tedious sailing voyages arrived in America. They made settlement near Sandusky, in Perkins Township, and both the parents died in this county. Conrad Frey was about twelve years old when he came to this county, and his education, begun in the public schools of his native land, was continued in English schools here. He was self-supporting before he reached adult years, and by close attention to business and economy became head of a home and family and always bore a reputation for upright living and public-spirited citizenship. During most of his active career he engaged in gardening and also conducted a retail butcher business. At various times his fellow citizens entrusted him with public responsibilities and for nine years he was a constable in Perkins Township, and for three years, one term, was a director of the Erie County Infirmary. In politics he was a republican.

On November 7, 1860, Mr. Frey married Miss Johanna Plate, who was born in Prussia, Germany, February 9, 1842. Her parents, Carl and Marie (Cook) Plate, both natives of Prussia, brought their children to America in 1850, when Mrs. Frey was about eight years of age. They

located in Erie County, lived for a time in Sandusky, where her father taught a German school, and finally made permanent settlement in Perkins Township not far from the city. There her father died in August, 1874, while her mother had passed away in 1861. Mrs. Frey, who is still living at the old home on rural route No. 1 out of Sandusky, became the mother of eleven children, and the seven now living are: Louise M., wife of Walter Patterson, of Cleveland; Charles C., of Perkins Township; Frederick C., of Sandusky; Emma, wife of Frederick Moss, of Leamington, Ontario; Mary, wife of James Werner of Perkins Township; Conrad, whose home is in Cleveland; and Carrie S., widow of Edgar Brennan, late of Perkins Township. Mrs. Frey is an interesting lady, has a large circle of friends in her home township, and is a member of the German Evangelical Association in Sandusky. She and her daughter, Mrs. Brennan, occupy the old home.

Willard M. Harsh. In one of the most attractive suburban homes near the City of Sandusky, Mr. Harsh is now living virtually retired, after a career of signal activity and influence in connection with railway affairs and other business operations of important order. Beginning his independent career as a telegraph operator, Mr. Harsh rose through his own ability and efforts to positions of great responsibility in the executive control and direction of railway operations, and his energy and initiative found other effective exemplifications in the domain of industrial activity, as later paragraphs in this article will indicate more specifically. He has been a man of much constructive and business ability and after years of earnest and fruitful application he has relieved himself of the exacting responsibilities that so long rested upon him, and in his beautiful home, on South Columbus Avenue, just without the city limits of Sandusky, he is enjoying to the full the rewards of former years of earnest endeavor. He is finding satisfaction and recreation in the developing of an excellent peach orchard on his rural estate of twelve acres and is engaging also in the cultivation of other fruits, so that the attractions of his suburban residence will be greatly enhanced when his orchards attain to maturity. Mr. Harsh is one of the substantial and highly esteemed citizens of Erie County and is specially eligible for representation in this history.

On the homestead farm of his father in Carroll County, Ohio, Willard M. Harsh was born on the 22d of January, 1853, and he is a son of Nicholas and Jemima (Leslie) Harsh, the former of whom likewise was born in Carroll County, where his parents settled in the pioneer days, and Mrs. Harsh also having been born and reared in Carroll County, a member of one of its old and honored families.. The paternal lineage of Mr. Harsh traces back to stanch German origin and the maternal ancestral line finds derivation in fine old Irish stock. Nicholas Harsh was one of the representative agriculturists of his native county for many years and both he and his wife continued to reside on their old homestead farm until their death, when well advanced in years.

Willard M. Harsh found the period of his childhood and early youth compassed by the conditions and influences of the home farm, and in the meanwhile he profited duly from the advantages afforded in the public schools of the locality and period. In 1874, soon after attaining to his legal majority, he initiated his apprenticeship to the trade of telegraph operator, and his initial service in this connection was in the station of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Oneida, a village in his native county, where he devoted two years to perfecting himself as a telegraphist. For five years thereafter he held the dual office of operator and station agent at Dellroy, Carroll County, in the service of what was then the Cleveland, Canton & Southern Railroad, now a part of the Wheeling & Lake Erie,

in the employ of which company he was later transferred to the position of station agent at South Cleveland, where he remained about five years. His next position was that of general agent of the Lakeside & Marblehead Railroad at Marblehead, Ottawa County, and after retaining this position about three years he served seven years as superintendent of this road, of which he then became the general superintendent, a responsible office of which he continued the incumbent about ten years, at the expiration of which he was appointed assistant general manager. His efficient administration of several years in this position led to his advancement to the dual office of general manager and local treasurer of the company, the affairs of which he continued to direct with much of circumspection and progressiveness until he resigned his office and severed his association with the company, on the 1st of May, 1913. At this juncture he removed to Sandusky and purchased his present fine suburban home, where he and his family have since continued their residence.

In 1891 Mr. Harsh became associated in a financial and executive capacity with the Kelley's Island Lime & Transport Company, of which he was superintendent for about a decade, with headquarters at Marblehead, Ottawa County. A period of about the same duration thereafter found him in tenure of the position of general superintendent, and he then became assistant general manager, in which office he had full charge of all new construction work, repairs and general operations at the plants of the company at Clay Center, Kelley's Island and Marblehead, Ohio, and at Akron, New York. He severed his active connection with this important corporation in September, 1912.

Liberal and public-spirited as a citizen and taking loyal interest in all that concerns his home community, Mr. Harsh is found aligned as a stanch supporter of the principles of the republican party, though in local affairs he maintains a somewhat independent attitude and gives his support to men and measures meeting the approval of his judgment, irrespective of strict partisan lines. He is prominently identified with the time-honored Masonic fraternity, in which he has received the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, his present York Rite affiliations being principally with the Masonic bodies in the City of Sandusky. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian Church in Sandusky and are popular figures in the representative social circles of the community, the while their spacious and beautiful residence is a center of hospitality. Mr. Harsh has made various investments in Erie County aside from the purchase of his fine home property, and he has been a member of the directorate of the Commercial National Bank of Sandusky from the time of its organization.

On the 17th of May, 1881, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Harsh to Miss Davis, of Dellroy, Carroll County, and they have three children: Earle C., Dwight B., and Wilda V. Earle C. Harsh is a graduate of the Case School of Applied Science, one of the leading technical institutions of the Middle West, in the City of Cleveland, and he is now established in the work of his profession as a consulting engineer, with residence and business headquarters at Carey, Wyandotte County, this state. Dwight B. Harsh remains at the parental home, and the only daughter, Miss Wilda, is a member of the class of 1916 in the Woman's College of historic old Western Reserve University, in the City of Cleveland.

Cornelius Schnaitter. An octogenarian in years, Cornelius Schnaitter has spent more than half a century of his lifetime in the City of Sandusky. For over a quarter of a century he was well known to local business as a merchant tailor, but is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of his previous industry. He has pursued the quiet and even tenor

of his way through life, has participated in few of the abnormal events, but his career is none the less deserving of praise and is fitly given record in this history of Erie County.

Cornelius Schnaitter was born in the Town of Egern, Bavaria, September 2, 1830. His father was Sebastian Schnaitter, whose birthplace was Dirnbach, Bavaria, where he was reared and educated, served four years in the army of the king of Bavaria, and completed an apprenticeship at the tailor's trade. In 1847 he brought his family to America, living for several years in Canada, after which he came to Sandusky and lived in that city until his passing at the age of sixty-one. His wife, Catherine, was also a native of Bavaria. She reared seven children, all of them born in Bavaria, their names being Kunigunde, Henry, Katherina, Cornelius, Nora, Karl and Frances.

Cornelius Schnaitter as a boy attended school steadily until about the age of fourteen, and also took up and learned the tailor's trade under the direction of his father. He was sixteen years old when the family left Bavaria and came to America. The trip was made on a sailing vessel which was sixty days from the time it left the European port until it landed its passengers at Quebec. Mr. Schnaitter lived in Canada until the spring of 1849 and then came to Sandusky. Here he was employed by the tailoring firm of Kneen & Knel, until after the outbreak of the Civil war. In youth as in later years he was a noted musician and volunteered his services as a musician and was assigned to the Fourth Regiment of Michigan Infantry. With that regiment he experienced all the hardships and vicissitudes of a soldier's life for fourteen months, at the end of which time all the regimental bands were discharged. He then returned to Sandusky and resumed work at his trade as a journeyman. Soon after the war Mr. Schnaitter formed a partnership with Anton Buders and they did a flourishing business as merchant tailors for a period of twenty-six years. Since the firm went out of business Mr. Schnaitter has lived retired.

In 1855 he married Susanna Krantz. She was born in Weisbaden, Germany, August 12, 1831. Her father, Bathaser Krantz, was also a native of Weisbaden, and in 1848 brought his family to America. Arriving in Erie County he bought a farm on the Huron road, three miles east of Sandusky, and spent the rest of his life as an industrious farmer. Mrs. Cornelius Schnaitter died in 1896. Mr. Schnaitter is now the head of a notable family, young men and women who have taken independent positions in the world, and he is surrounded not only by his own children but by his children's children and great-grandchildren. His five sons and daughters are named Frank, Antoinette, Cornelius, Sarah and Hattie. The son Frank married Christina Boos and has four children—Antoinette, Edward, Gertrude and Florence. Antoinette, the second child, married Edward Moos, and her four children are Anna, Cora, Hilda and Wesley. Cornelius, Jr., married Christina Hertlein and has three sons—Eugene, Irving and Arthur. Sarah is the widow of William Claus, and her four daughters are Aimie, Maud, Susan and Mildred. Hattie, the youngest child, is the wife of Frank Wetzler, with two daughters, Lauretta and Susanna. Of the grandchildren the following are married: Antoinette Schnaitter married Freeland Smith, and has four children, Elizabeth, James, Frank and Margaret. Edward married Winifred Platt, and has two children, Robert and Alice. Cora Moos married Joseph Gillard, and her four children are Richard, Sallie, Constance and Joseph. Hilda Moos married Elmer Brehm, and has a son named Edward. Aimie Claus is the wife of Jerome Herbig, and has a daughter, Ailien. Susan Claus married John Lay.

Cornelius Schnaitter from early youth manifested exceptional gifts as a musician, and when a boy learned to play the violin quite expertly.

He has always been interested in musical affairs, and for many years was one of the leaders in musical activities in Sandusky. When a young man he joined the military organization known as the Jaeger Company. In 1852 he was one of the chief promoters of the first band ever organized in Sandusky and was its leader. There were few functions in Sandusky during the early days at which his services were not in demand for musical entertainment. Mr. Schnaitter is affiliated with McMeens Post No. 19 of the Grand Army of the Republic.

William Y. Murschel. Enterprising, far-seeing and progressive, William Y. Murschel is numbered among the useful and valued citizens of Sandusky, where he is now living, retired from active business pursuits, although the management of his private interests keeps him quite busily employed. A son of Jacob Murschel, he was born February 10, 1859, in Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio, of substantial German ancestry.

Jacob Murschel was born in Bernhausen, Wurtemburg, Germany, where his parents spent their entire lives. One of his brothers, Michael Murschel, came to America, settling in Sandusky, where numerous of his descendants are now living, and a sister, also immigrated to Ohio, and here married a Mr. Stump, of Flat Rock, Seneca County. In common with the boys of his native land, Jacob Murschel attended school until about fourteen years of age, after which he served a full apprenticeship at the baker's trade, and likewise spent three years in the German army. Enthused by the glowing stories told of the glorious opportunities America offered for increasing one's financial condition, he decided to follow the ocean course previously taken by so many of his countrymen, and set sail on a stanch vessel bound for New York, where, at the end of six weeks, he landed. From that city he proceeded by rail to Buffalo, thence on a Lake Erie boat to Sandusky, which was then but a modest-appearing village. Continuing his journey to Huron County, he worked a short time at his trade in Norwalk, and then bought the City Hotel, which he managed himself in addition to running his bakery. Shortly after he assumed its possession, an epidemic of cholera struck the city, eighteen people dying of that terrible disease in his hotel. Closing it, he took his family to Flat Rock, Seneca County, where he remained until all danger from cholera had passed, when he returned to Norwalk, and resumed his former business pursuits.

In 1862 he removed with his family to Bellevue, Huron County, and was there in active business two years. The year following he was engaged in farming at Weaver's Corners, and in 1865 he came to Sandusky, and having purchased the Bing House, located on West Market Street, he conducted it successfully for five years. Then, buying out Leonard Good's grocery store, on East Market Street, he operated it four years, building up a good trade. Selling out in 1874, he removed to Hayes Avenue, where he continued in the grocery business a few years. Again he made another change, disposing of his grocery, and buying the hotel located opposite the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway depot, which he conducted five years. He then sold the hotel, and subsequently lived retired until his death, in 1893.

Jacob Murschel married Margaret Yingling, who was born in Rudesheim, Wurtemburg, Germany, and at the age of fifteen years came to this country with several other young ladies of about her age. After living with a German family in Sandusky for a time, she went to Norwalk, and there lived in the family of Mr. Gardner, the banker, who died in 1915, an esteemed and venerable man of ninety-five years. Mrs. Jacob Murschel survived her husband many years, passing away April 5, 1915. She was the mother of five children, as follows: William Y., the special subject of this brief sketch; Charles; Jacob; Fred, and Albert.

Having completed the course of study in the public schools of Sandusky, William Y. Murschel began as a boy to assist his father, working in hotel and grocery, and finally succeeding him in business. Mr. Murschel established the hotel known as the Murschel House, which stands opposite the new Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway station, and managed it successfully until 1910, being a most genial and popular host, ever attentive to the wants of his guests. Since leaving the hotel, he has lived retired, devoting his time and attention to the direction of his private affairs. At the present writing, in 1915, he and his son Alfred are erecting an up-to-date six-apartment building on West Washington Street.

Mr. Murschel has been twice married. He married first, in 1881, Anna Scheadler, who was born on Kelleys Island, a daughter of August and Christina Scheadler. She died eighteen months later, leaving one daughter, Clara, who became the wife of Fred W. Grabel, and has one child, William Grabel. In 1884 Mr. Murschel married for his second wife Elizabeth Louise Wilke, who was born in Allison, Clinton County, where her parents, Gottlieb and Johanna Louise (Arndt) Wilke, first lived on coming to Ohio from their German home, near Berlin, although they spent the larger number of their years in Ottawa County.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Murschel has been brightened by the birth of three children, Alfred, Arthur and Leona. Alfred married Adah Appel, and they have one child, a son named Alfred William. Leona married Donald Kelley, son of Hon. Malcolm Kelley. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, and of Sandusky Lodge No. 285, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Murschel enjoys seeing new places and new things, and having traveled quite extensively he has gained a comprehensive knowledge of many parts of our own and other countries. In 1899, accompanied by Mrs. Murschel, he toured Mexico, visiting the principal points of interest therein, and in 1900, with his son Alfred and his daughter Clara, made a trip to Europe, and while there went to Wurtemburg and saw the houses in which his father and mother were born. He also visited the more important cities of Germany, Italy, Switzerland, France and England, in Paris attending the World's Fair, then in progress, and later witnessing the presentation of the passian play in Ober Ammergau.

Charles Kubach. Noteworthy among the native-born citizens of Sandusky who have spent their lives within its precincts, aiding as far as possible the city's growth and development, is Charles Kubach, a man of unquestioned ability and integrity. He comes of excellent German ancestry, his father, Frederick Kubach, and his grandfather, George Kubach, having emigrated from Germany to Ohio during the first half of the last century, settling in Sandusky.

George Kubach was born, in 1791, in the Village of Liedolsheim, Kingdom of Baden, Germany, and was there bred and educated. Fitting himself for a veterinary surgeon, he served as such in the German army for a number of years. In 1835 he embarked with his family on board a sailing vessel, and after a tedious ocean voyage of forty-two days landed in New York. Coming directly to Ohio, he arrived in Sandusky on June 8th of that year. Looking about for a desirable location, he bought a tract of timbered land in Perkins Township, five miles south of the Sandusky courthouse, on the Bloomingville road, now known as South Campbell Street. Clearing a space in the forest, he built a log house, covering it with clapboards rived by hand, and fastened with poles, and making a clay and stick chimney. This was the first home of the Kubach family in America. Bears, deer, wild turkey and other kinds of game were plentiful, and, with the fish caught in the near-by

streams, were of much importance in the filling of the family larder. A man of perseverance and resolution, he at once began the improvement of his land, for several years thereafter having no horse, but doing the work with oxen. With true German thrift, he utilized all the timber he cut off, selling the giant oaks to shipbuilders, and the cord wood to the boat owners, at the boat landings. He likewise burned charcoal, which was then used by all blacksmiths, making a good profit thereby. He likewise established a smithy on his farm, and did blacksmithing for himself and his neighbors, making and saving money by so doing. He cleared thirty acres of his estate, and subsequently replaced the original log cabin with a substantial two-story house made of hewed logs, and erected a frame barn. On the homestead which he so well improved, he spent the remainder of his life, dying in September, 1854.

The maiden name of the wife of George Kubach was Eva Catherine Heimberg. She was born, December 20, 1799, in the Village of Bleinkenloch, Baden, Germany, and died September 4, 1878. To her and her husband eight sons were born and reared, as follows: Frederick, Louis, August, Henry, John Albany, William, Adam, and Gottfried.

Frederick Kubach was born, in 1822, in the same village of Baden, Germany, in which his father first saw the light of this world, and as a boy of thirteen years came with his parents to Ohio. He assisted his father in clearing the land and tilling the soil for a few years, and then, being the eldest son of a large family of boys, began life on his own account. Moving into the City of Sandusky, he was busily employed in different kinds of work until his death, at the early age of forty-six years. His wife, whose maiden name was Magdalene Schoepfle, was born in the Village of Kreitzingen, Baden, Germany, and is now living in Sandusky, at the venerable age of eighty-two years. She bore her husband five children, as follows: Frederick, deceased; Christina, deceased; August; Charles, and William.

Acquiring his early education in the public schools of Sandusky, Charles Kubach began his active career when young as a clerk in the grocery store of his uncle, George Van Hausen, with whom he remained three years. Subsequently learning the trade of a sheet metal and copper worker, he continued at that occupation about seven years. For five years thereafter Mr. Kubach was connected with the grocery business, and the following two years belonged to the city fire department. He was then employed for a while in the Baltimore & Ohio Express office, but resigned his position to become a clerk for Lay Brothers' Fish Company. At the end of thirteen years he was appointed deputy county treasurer, and filled the position satisfactorily for three years, when he was elected county auditor, an office that he held for six consecutive years, his length of service in that capacity bespeaking his ability and trustworthiness. The following two years Mr. Kubach was in the employ of the Booth Fisheries Company. Then, having become financially interested in the Post Fish Company, he was made secretary of the corporation, and has held this responsible position since.

In 1877 Mr. Kubach married Miss Lena Hassenpflug, a daughter of George Hassenpflug, who emigrated from Germany to America, settling in Sandusky, Ohio. Four children have been born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Kubach, namely: Frederick, who married Elizabeth Schneider; Lillian; Allen, who married Minnie Schneider; and Alma.

Politically Mr. Kubach is a democrat. He served for twelve years as a member of the Sandusky Board of Education, ten years of the time being secretary of the board. At the present writing, in 1915, he is a member of the city council, having been elected as a member at large. Fraternally Mr. Kubach is a member of Sandusky Lodge No. 128, Knights of Pythias; of Garfield Company, Uniform Rank No. 13; of

Sandusky Aerie No. 444, Fraternal Order of Eagles; of Hobson Camp No. 5649, Modern Woodmen of America; of Sandusky Court No. 739, Independent Order of Foresters; and of Sandusky Lodge No. 285, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

CHARLES A. CRAIG. A business man of long standing at Sandusky, Charles A. Craig is now filling the office of county treasurer. He is well fitted for public responsibilities by his varied and successful experience in business affairs, and has the additional incentive to creditable performance in places of public trust because of the fact that his father gave up his life while battling as a soldier on the Union side during the Civil war.

Charles A. Craig, who represents an old American family of Scotch antecedents, was born in the City of Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio. His father was Capt. Alfred T. Craig, a native of Philadelphia, while the grandfather was William Craig, a native of New Jersey. William Craig, to trace the ancestry still further back, was a son of Elias, Jr., and a grandson of Elias Craig, Sr. The Craigs, on coming from Scotland, settled in New Jersey when that commonwealth was a colony. William Craig was a machinist by trade, and when a young man he moved to Philadelphia and lived in that city and worked at his vocation the rest of his life. He married Sarah Hutchinson, who was born in the State of Delaware and spent her last days in Philadelphia. Capt. Alfred T. was reared and educated in his native city, and took up the same trade followed by his father. In 1854 he came West and settled in Dayton, Ohio, was employed there until 1858, and then established his home in Sandusky. He was a capable workman and was quietly prosperous and influential until the outbreak of the war. He responded to the first call for troops, in a three-month regiment, and became a private in Company E of the Eighth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. At the end of three months this regiment re-enlisted for a longer period, and Captain Craig about that time received his commission as second lieutenant and subsequently was promoted to first lieutenant, then captain of Company F of the Eighth Ohio. He led his company gallantly and faithfully in its many battles and endured the hardships and shared with his companions the rigors of army life. He fought in many minor engagements, but the historic battles in which he participated were those at Fredericksburg, Antietam, Gettysburg, Winchester and the Wilderness. He was wounded at the battle of Winchester, was twice wounded at Antietam and on May 6, 1864, lost his life in the terrific struggle of the Wilderness. His body was never recovered, and his companions reported that it must have been consumed by the flames.

Captain Craig married Eliza McCrea, who was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, having come to America with an older sister. She died in 1899 in her seventieth year. The four children reared by her were Fannie E., Charles A., Mary T., and Carrie W. The daughter Fannie married John B. Woolson, while Mary is the wife of Henry Hahn.

Charles A. Craig has lived in Sandusky since early childhood, and gained his early education in the public schools of that city. When his father went away to the war the family was left in very moderate circumstances, and with the death of Captain Craig increased burdens of responsibility were thrown upon the shoulders of the young lad, then about thirteen years of age. Instead of attending school he began earning his living by work as a delivery boy in a grocery store. His next employment was in the Woolworth handle factory, where he remained several years; was then for about three years clerk in the B. & O. express office, and for four years with E. R. Alvord & Company. In whatever capacity

he has worked his service has been characterized by diligence and faithfulness. For twelve years he was bookkeeper with E. B. Hodgman Manufacturing Company, and after that for three years was with the Jarecki Chemical Company three years. He resigned his place with that firm to become manager and treasurer of Kilborn & Company, and is still officially identified with that well-known Sandusky concern.

In politics Mr. Craig cast his first presidential vote for James A. Garfield in 1880, and has been regularly identified with the grand old party for fully thirty-five years. For several years he served as chairman of the Republican County Central Committee. In 1899 he was republican candidate for the office of county auditor, and in 1914 was elected to his present office as treasurer of Erie County. Mr. Craig is affiliated with Garfield Lodge of the Knights of Pythias and is a member of the Sunyendaend Club.

Louis Duennisch. Many of the more prominent and prosperous citizens of Ohio were born on the further side of the Atlantic, and since coming to this country to live have been active and useful in advancing the industrial, commercial, financial and social interests of town, county and state. Conspicuous among the number may be mentioned Louis Duennisch, of Sandusky, who, through his own efforts, has acquired a competency, and is now living retired from active business, devoting his time and energy to his extensive private interests. A native of Germany, he was born September 4, 1842, in Ostheim, Sachsen-Weimar-Eisenach, where his childhood days were spent.

His father, Andrew Frederick Duennisch, was born in Koenigshofen, Bavaria, in 1803. He learned the trade of a millwright when young, and followed it as a journeyman in different places in Germany, among them being Ostheim, Sachsen-Weimar-Eisenach. He owned and operated a grist mill until his death, in 1855. His last place of business was at Fladungen, Bavaria, where he resided. He married Marie Elizabeth Engel, a native of Ostheim. She survived him, and in 1857, two years after his death, came with her son Louis to Ohio, locating in Sandusky, where she continued her residence until her death, in 1886, at the advanced age of seventy-eight years. She reared two children, namely: Christian and Louis. Christian Duennisch immigrated to Ohio in 1853, and after living for a time in Sandusky purchased a farm near Venice, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, at a comparatively early age.

Louis Duennisch attended school at Melfers, until after the death of his father, when he assisted his mother in the management of the mills until she sold out, in 1857. In that year, desirous of joining his brother Christian, he came with his widowed mother to the United States, setting sail from Bremen July 4, and landing in New York August 29, 1857. He spent a short time in Sandusky, after which he lived for a year with his brother on a farm. Returning to Sandusky, he continued his studies at the English school, and when sufficiently familiar with the native language to be of use, entered the employ of J. E. Norcross, then sole proprietor of the Sandusky Sash, Door & Blind Company. Shortly after, Mr. Norcross sold an interest in the business to Mr. E. E. Upp, who became junior member of the firm of Norcross & Upp. At the age of nineteen, Mr. Duennisch was made foreman of the shop, and continued with that firm and its successors for a period of thirty-five years, at the time of his resignation the firm name being George R. Butler & Company. Since resigning his position with that company he has been busily employed in looking after his private affairs, which are many and important.

Mr & Mrs: Louis Duennisch

Mr. Duennisch has been twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Newman, was of German parentage. She passed to the life beyond in 1875, in early womanhood. He married, second, in 1878, Margaret Ebert, who was born, reared and educated in Sandusky. Her father, Conrad Ebert, was born in Bavaria, where his father, a manufacturer of sash, doors and blinds, was a life-long resident. Educated in Bavaria, he learned his father's trade while working with him, and also obtained a thorough knowledge of cabinetmaking. In 1853, at the age of twenty-eight years, Mr. Ebert came to Ohio, and thereafter followed his trades in Sandusky through his active life, residing in this city until his death, at the age of seventy-four years. Mr. Ebert married Margaret Denninger, who was born in Maroldswersach, Bavaria, the daughter of a life-long farmer of that locality. She came to this country at the age of thirty-one years; was married to Mr. Ebert in 1853, and died at the age of fifty-eight years. She was the mother of three children, namely: Karl Ebert; Margaret, now Mrs. Duennisch; and Conrad Ebert.

Mr. and Mrs. Duennisch have traveled extensively, both in this country and abroad. In 1895 they visited the "Land of the Midnight Sun" at a very fortunate time, when the weather was clear and the atmosphere free from fog. On this trip they also visited throughout Europe. In 1899 they toured Mexico, and in 1900 they again visited Europe, going to the place where he was born, and also seeing the principal points of interest in France, Switzerland, Belgium and England. They likewise had the pleasure of witnessing the Passion Play at Oberammergau. They also made an extended trip through the Holy Land, visiting all places of interest to the traveler, including among others the City of Jerusalem. They also made stops in Gibraltar, Malta, Algiers, Alexandria, Cairo, Constantinople, and Athens, becoming familiar with the people of those noted places and their customs.

Among their cherished possessions Mr. and Mrs. Duennisch have a Bible which has been in the family nearly 300 years, bearing the dates 1643 and 1644. Mr. Duennisch also has a watch upwards of a hundred years old. It is of the bull's-eye type, with a separable case, and at the end of the silver chain attached is a seal upon which his father's monogram is engraved.

Fraternally Mr. Duennisch is a member of Perseverance Lodge, No. 329, Free and Accepted Masons; of Sandusky City Chapter, No. 72, Royal Arch Masons; of Sandusky City Council, No. 26, Royal and Select Masters; of Erie Commandery, No. 23, Knights Templars; and of Sandusky Lodge, No. 285, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Both Mr. and Mrs. Duennisch were confirmed in the Lutheran Evangelical Church, but are now members of the Christian Science Church.

Prof. Roy D. Mitchell. As proprietor of the Sandusky Business College, Prof. Roy D. Mitchell is personally identified with an important educational institution of the city, and is contributing his full share in so developing the business ability of the young men and women of Erie County as to make them a self-reliant and self-supporting class of people. He was born November 4, 1873, in a sod house five miles north of the present site of Bradshaw, York County, Nebraska. He saw a train of cars for the first time when the Burlington road was extended into Bradshaw; he was then nine years old. He is a lineal descendant of Hugh Mitchell, who emigrated from Ayr County, Scotland, to America in 1782, the line of descent being as follows: Hugh Mitchell, John Mitchell, William Mitchell, James Mitchell, and Roy D. Mitchell.

William Mitchell, the Professor's grandfather, was born September 14, 1811. At Cadiz, Ohio, October 18, 1838, he married Mary Ann Atkison, and there was a resident until 1855. In the spring of that year,

accompanied by his family, he removed to Lynnville, Jasper County, Iowa, going by way of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to Keokuk, thence by team to Lynnville, where he became a pioneer settler. At that time there were no railroads west of the Mississippi, and all of the country roundabout was in its original wildness. His wife died in 1864 and is buried in Lynnville cemetery. After farming a few years in that locality, he moved to Boone County, Iowa, and there spent his last days, at his death, which occurred June 6, 1887, being buried in the Mitchell cemetery, three miles west of Zenorsville. He married Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson at Ridge Port, Iowa, in November, 1868, who survived him at the time of his death.

The birth of James Mitchell occurred June 13, 1845, in Cadiz, Ohio, where the first ten years of his life were spent. Going then to Iowa with his parents, he was there reared to agricultural pursuits. On December 31, 1869, he was united in marriage with Lucinda Myers. The following spring he joined the Myers colony, which included his wife's father and mother, brothers and sisters, and made an overland journey, driving an ox team to York County, Nebraska. All of that section of the Union was then owned either by the Government or by the railroad companies, and antelope and other wild game native to that section were plentiful, and not very far away large herds of buffalo roamed the prairies. Each autumn the pioneer settlers used to go in parties in search of buffalo, and would cure the large quantities of buffalo meat brought home by the sportsmen for future use on the table. Securing a tract of Government land, Mr. James Mitchell built a sod house which the family occupied a number of years, and began the improvement of a homestead, doing all of his farm work and marketing with oxen, having no horses. The sod house made possible the settlement of the prairies, as no wood was obtainable without hauling it a great distance. The walls were thick and the houses comfortable both summer and winter, but the settlers endured many hardships and discouragements on the wind-swept plains the first few years. Columbus, sixty miles away, in Platte County, was the nearest trading point, and he not only frequently went there, but he also made trips with oxen to Lincoln, which was still further distant. Succeeding well in his agricultural undertakings, he improved his land, erected a good set of farm buildings, and there lived until 1914, when he sold out his Nebraska interests, and now makes his home with a son who lives not far from the old homestead. His wife died November 11, 1904, leaving four sons, as follows: Charles B., York, Nebraska; Chauncey H., Oklaunion, Texas; Roy D.; and William P., who resided at Telluride, Colorado, at the time of his accidental death there May 24, 1911.

Having obtained his preliminary education in the rural schools of his native district, Roy D. Mitchell continued his studies at York College, later teaching three terms in the rural school of his home district. He then completed a full course at the Omaha Commercial College, in Omaha, Nebraska, after which he entered the Woodbine (Iowa) Normal School, where for two years he still further advanced his studies in preparation for teaching. In 1898, on July 11, Professor Mitchell came to Sandusky to accept a position as teacher in the Sandusky Business College, and taught under T. W. Bookmyer, the proprietor for nine years. On June 1, 1907, the professor succeeded to the ownership of the institution, and in its management has met with success, his school being well patronized, and its graduates being well fitted for business positions; he is also closely identified with some of the financial and manufacturing interests of the city.

On June 28, 1899, at Woodbine, Iowa, Professor Mitchell married Bertha Emily Hall, who was born in Harrison County, Iowa, a daughter of John and Camilla Hall. A woman of culture and refinement, she

was educated in Iowa, being graduated from the Woodbine Normal School, and is now a teacher in the Sandusky Business College.

The professor is identified with the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Perseverance Lodge No. 329, Free and Accepted Masons; of Sandusky City Chapter No. 72, Royal Arch Masons; of Sandusky City Council No. 26, Royal and Select Masters; and of Erie Commandery No. 23, Knights Templar.

SAMUEL IRVINE. For a quarter of a century identified with the business interests of Sandusky, Samuel Irvine, now living retired from active pursuits, is a veteran of the Civil war, and eminently deserving of special mention in a work of this character. A son of John Irvine, he was born, May 28, 1834, in the City of Philadelphia, of Scotch-Irish descent. His paternal grandparents, who were of honored Scotch ancestry, were lifelong residents of County Antrim, Ireland, although several of their children came to America to settle, including the following: David, Samuel R., William, John, and another son, who after living a few years in New York City returned to Ireland. David located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, where he spent his remaining days. Samuel R. settled first in Philadelphia, from there coming, in 1852, to Ohio, locating in Sandusky, and a few years later moving with his family to Toledo, which was afterwards his home. William lived in Pittsburgh for a time, from there going to Mississippi, where he married, and was subsequently engaged in the culture of cotton until murdered by one of his slaves.

John Irvine came to America directly after his marriage, and after following his trade of carpenter in Philadelphia for a time settled in Pittsburgh. Leaving that city in 1847, he came by stage to Sandusky, Ohio, where, the following spring, he was joined by his family, who proceeded by boat up the Ohio River to Beaver, Pennsylvania, thence via canal and lake to Cleveland and Sandusky. Following his trade of a carpenter and builder, he erected some of the more important buildings of that early day, including a number of fine residences. Going to St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1858, he was engaged in contracting there for a short time, and then moved to Elwood, Kansas. In 1860, joining the tide of emigration surging westward, he crossed the plains with ox teams to Denver, from there going to the divide, where he took up Government land, and embarked in the culture of potatoes, home-grown ones at that time bringing eight cents a pound, and other provisions, all of which had to be transported by teams, were correspondingly high. Two years later he settled in the valley, half way between Denver and Pueblo, in the place later known as Irvine Station. Securing 500 acres of land, he irrigated and improved the place, and there resided until 1886. He then sold a part of his ranch and moved to Pueblo, where his death occurred, July 3, 1887. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Boyd, was born in County Armagh, Ireland, and died October 6, 1906, in Los Angeles, California, leaving five children, Samuel, John, William, David A., and Milton B.

Having obtained a practical knowledge of the common branches of learning in the public schools of Sandusky, Samuel Irvine served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade with his father, and subsequently accompanied the family to St. Joseph, Missouri, later going to Kansas, where he continued at his trade until after the breaking out of the Civil war. On October 12, 1861, inspired by patriotic enthusiasm, Mr. Irvine enlisted in Company I, Seventh Kansas Cavalry, under command of Capt. J. M. Anthony. In 1863, having faithfully performed his duties as a brave soldier in camp and field until the expiration of his term of enlistment, he veteranized, and with his command went to Corinth, Mis-

sissippi, where he spent much of his time in guarding the railways of that section of the country.

Honorably discharged from the service as first lieutenant on September 29, 1865, Mr. Irvine followed his trade at Waukon, Kansas, until 1868. Coming back then to Sandusky, where he had spent the days of his boyhood and youth, he entered the employ of the Sandusky Wheel Company, with which he was actively connected for twenty-two years, during the last eight years of the time being superintendent of the business. Since severing his connection with that company, he has lived retired from business activities and cares.

Mr. Irvine married, July 1, 1866, Daphne R. Foster, who was born in Erie County, Ohio, a daughter of William Howell Foster. Born November 21, 1810, in St. Albans, Vermont, Mr. Foster there acquired a good education in his youth, and while a young man started westward in search of fame and fortune. Coming to Erie County, Ohio, he taught school for a while at Seven Mile House, and then, having met with most encouraging success in his labors, he returned to the Green Mountain State, where he married, and with his bride came back to Ohio, coming by the Erie Canal to Buffalo, thence by Lake Erie to Cleveland, and from there to the interior with ox team. Locating near Castalia, he bought land, but soon sold that property, and purchased another farm in the same township. He was subsequently there successfully engaged in tilling the soil until his death, February 26, 1874. Mr. Foster married Caroline Charlotte Brush, who was born at St. Albans, Vermont, September 22, 1810, and died in Erie County, Ohio, March 17, 1901. She reared three children, as follows: Helen Charlotte, Daphne Rhoda, and Romeo William.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvine became the parents of four children, and the two living are John W. and Justin S. John W. Irvine, a resident of Cincinnati, married Rose Kirkpatrick, and they have three children, Daphne, Carrie Luella, and Helen Lucille. Justin S. Irvine, who lives in Cleveland, married Carrie Dunlap. Carrie, born November 14, 1866, died January 10, 1894, and Helen L., born October 16, 1868, died May 7, 1887. Mr. Irvine is a member of McMeens Post No. 19, Grand Army of the Republic, and Mrs. Irvine belongs to the Woman's Relief Corps.

William A. Waldock. Worthy of special mention in a work of this character is William A. Waldock, who holds an assured position among the esteemed and respected citizens of Sandusky, his industry, integrity and thrift having gained for him the confidence and good will of the community in which he resides. A son of the late Frederick David Waldock, he was born August 10, 1866, near Bloomingville, Erie County, Ohio, on a farm, and is of English descent, his grandfather Waldock, who as an ironmonger dealt in metals and implements, having been a lifelong resident of Huntingdonshire, England.

Frederick David Waldock was born in 1832 in Huntingdonshire, England, where, at the age of twelve years, he began an apprenticeship at the butcher's trade. Embarking in business on his own account in his native place, he carried on butchering until 1859, when, accompanied by his family, he crossed the ocean to the United States. Coming directly to Ohio, he joined his brother-in-law in Erie County, hoping to soon find remunerative employment. Business was then very dull throughout the Union, and the times unusually hard. Being offered the job of digging a ditch, he agreed to do the work for fifty cents a day. As the man demurred at giving so much for the labor, Mr. Waldock offered to take the job by contract at fifteen cents a rod, the ditch to be five feet wide at the top, two feet at the bottom, and three feet deep. The man agreed to the price set, and at that rate Mr. Waldock earned seventy-five cents per

day. A year after his arrival in Erie County, he purchased four acres of land half way between Bloomingville and the "seven-mile-house," and there started in the butchering business, having one horse and a wagon, and retailing his meat in Sandusky. He was soon enabled to buy eight more acres of land, and as his means increased he bought live stock, and greatly enlarged his operations. He bought a farm situated one mile north of the seven-mile-house, and there continued his business successfully until his death, in 1912. He was a man of good business judgment, and made wise investments, at the time of his death having title to 365 acres of valuable land. He married Fannie Greene, who was born at St. Ives, England, and died in Erie County, Ohio, in 1913. Of their union eight children were born, as follows: Frederick; Lizzie, deceased; John; Charles; Annie, deceased; William A., the subject of this brief sketch; George; and Fannie.

Educated in the district schools, William A. Waldock learned the trade of a butcher when young, and in early manhood became associated with his father in the live stock and butchering business, and has been actively engaged in the same business until the present writing, in 1915. In 1900 he bought a farm lying one mile south of Sandusky, and occupied it until 1913, when he removed to his present beautiful home on Wayne Street, Sandusky.

Mr. Waldock married, on April 26, 1900, Ida Erbe, who was born on a farm in Margaretta Township, Erie County, of German ancestry. Her father, Philip Erbe, was born, reared and educated in Baden, Germany, and as a young man there learned the trade of a miller. In 1849, lured by the wonderful reports of the prosperity of the Americans, he came to the United States, being six weeks in making the ocean voyage in a sailing vessel. After spending a very few days in New York City, he came to Ohio, and for a while operated a mill in Castalia. When ready to invest in land, he purchased a farm in Margaretta Township, Erie County, and was subsequently engaged in tilling the soil until his death, at the age of seventy-six years. Mr. Erbe married Emilia Warnke, a native of Mecklenburg, Germany, who in 1849 came to America with her parents. Her father died a few years later, leaving his widow with eight children, four sons and four daughters, the sons being Charles, Frank, Ernest and William, and the daughters Charlotte, Louise, Minnie and Amelia. Mrs. Emilia (Warnke) Erbe, who died at the age of seventy-four years, reared seven children, as follows: Anna, Caroline, Tillie, Charles, Rose, Ida and Minnie. Mrs. Waldock taught in the Castalia High School for twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Waldock are the parents of four children, namely: Frederick, William, Lucille and Marion.

Fraternally Mr. Waldock is a member of Sandusky Lodge No. 669, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and of Sandusky Council No. 278, United Commercial Travelers.

Hon. Cyrus B. Winters. An esteemed and eminently useful citizen of Sandusky, Hon. Cyrus B. Winters is widely and favorably known in the legal circles of Erie County, and as a representative to the State Legislature has taken an active part in the administration of public affairs. He was born in a log house in Townsend Township, Sandusky County, Ohio, on the farm of his father, the late Benjamin Winters.

His paternal grandfather, Christian Winters, was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry. Leaving his native state in early manhood, he lived for a time in Maryland, from there moving with his family to Canada. Upon the breaking out of the War of 1812 he returned to the United States, and subsequently served in the army until the close of the conflict. He continued to reside in the East until 1821, when he mi-

grated to Ohio, settling as a pioneer in what is now Huron Township, Erie County. Buying a tract of land that was in its primitive wildness, he cleared and improved a homestead, on which he spent the remainder of his life, dying when about seventy-two years of age. He was very successful as a farmer, and in addition to his original purchase of land bought 600 acres in Townsend Township, Sandusky County, a tract that subsequently came into the possession of three of his sons, Daniel, John and Benjamin. His wife, whose maiden name was Ann Palmer, was a native of Pennsylvania.

Born in Canada, near Fort Erie, Benjamin Winters was about fourteen years old when he came with his parents to Ohio. He assisted his father in the arduous task of redeeming a farm from the wilderness, and when of age assumed possession of that part of the land lying in Townsend Township given him by his father. After erecting a log cabin and the necessary buildings for carrying on general farming, he began to improve his property, and there remained a resident until his death, in September, 1861, at the age fifty-four years. He married, first, a Miss Whitmore, and, second, Delia A. Downing, who was born in Logan County, Ohio, where her father, Milton Downing, was a pioneer settler. His first wife died in early life, leaving him with three children. By his second marriage he became the father of seven children, as follows: Bruce M.; Cyrus B., the special subject of this brief sketch; Milton I.; Delia B.; Eugene B.; Benjamin W., and Wilmer D. Mrs. Winters was a woman of much ability, and kept her family together until all were grown and had homes of their own.

Acquiring his elementary education in the rural schools of his native district, Cyrus B. Winters subsequently completed the course of study at Milan Normal School, after which he assisted in the management of the home farm for two years. The ensuing two years he was deputy clerk in the office of the clerk of the courts. In the meantime he employed all of his leisure in the study of law, and in 1874 was admitted to the bar. After practicing his chosen profession for a short time in Fremont, Mr. Winters located in Sandusky, where he has built up a large and lucrative practice, and has identified himself with the leading movements tending towards the uplifting and betterment of the city.

In his political affiliations Mr. Winters is a democrat. He has rendered excellent service as a member of the Sandusky Board of Education, and for six years was prosecuting attorney of Erie County. In 1905 he was elected as a representative to the Ohio State Legislature, and has had the honor of being three times re-elected to the same high position. While in that body he served as chairman of the Committee on Cities, on Codes, Courts and Procedure, and as a member of the Committee on Ways and Means. He is an authority on matters pertaining to legal affairs, and is well known as the author of the public utility law.

Mr. Winters married, in 1874, Helen E. Clason, who was born in Logan County, Ohio, where her father, Dr. Thomas S. Clason, was a prominent physician and surgeon. Six children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Winters, namely: Bessie H., wife of Howard H. Brown; Cyrus B., who married Dorothy Streetman; Mabel I.; Thomas C.; Katherine, and Richard.

Hayes M. Adams. Widely and favorably known as county auditor of Erie County, Hayes M. Adams, of Sandusky, has proved himself eminently worthy of the confidence and trust reposed in his integrity and ability, invariably giving to his work, however humble it may be, his highest efforts. He was born August 29, 1875, in Crawford County, Ohio, which was likewise the birthplace of his father, Ephraim H. Adams, a son of Eli Adams, a pioneer settler of that county. Coming

from honored New England ancestry, he is a descendant in the sixth generation from John Adams, the second President of the United States, and his wife Abigail (Smith) Adams, their grandson, Ephraim Adams, having been his great-grandfather.

Born and bred in Massachusetts, Ephraim Adams lived there until after his marriage. Migrating to New York State with his family in 1806, he became a pioneer settler of Cayuga County. After the burning of Buffalo by the British in 1813 he again started westward with his family, going with a team to Lake Erie, thence by schoooner to Ohio, landing at Ogontz Place, the present site of the City of Sandusky. Nearly all of Ohio was then a wilderness, being the hunting ground of Indians, who had held the country for centuries and were not pleased with the advances of the white-faced strangers. Taking up a tract of heavily timbered land on the present site of Milan, he erected a log cabin, and on the homestead which he improved he and his wife spent their remaining years.

Born near Boston, Massachusetts, March 13, 1803, Eli Adams was scarce three years of age when brought by his parents to Erie County. Growing to manhood beneath the parental rooftree, he assisted his father in the pioneer task of clearing the land, freely giving his time and labor, and at the death of his father receiving, it is said, as his share of the estate, a scythe, which he at once traded for a pair of shoes. Subsequently taking up Government land in Texas Township, Crawford County, Ohio, he built the customary log cabin of the pioneer, and in the course of time improved a productive farm. He spent the later years of his life with his children, in Bloomville and La Timberville, dying at the home of a son in the latter named place at the advanced age of eighty-six years. He married, in 1827, Myra Angeline Andrews, whose father, James Andrews, a native of Chester County, Pennsylvania, was a pioneer of Crawford County, Ohio. She died in Bloomville, Ohio, in 1875. Four of the sons born of their union served during the Civil war in the Union army.

Ephraim H. Adams was born December 9, 1831, in the log cabin erected by his father in Texas Township, Crawford County, and there grew to man's estate, as a youth learning the carpenter's trade. He subsequently settled in Lykens Township, Crawford County, and at the breaking out of the Civil war there enlisted in the regiment known as the "Mechanics' Fusileers," an organization that had not been authorized by the Government, and was not accepted. Enlisting, in 1864, in Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, he went with his command to Virginia, and there continued with his regiment until honorably discharged from the service at the expiration of his term of enlistment. Returning to Crawford County, he worked at his trade until 1880, when he moved to Sycamore, Wyandot County, which was his home for three years. In 1883 he came to Sandusky, and has been a resident of this city, or of Clyde, ever since. The maiden name of the wife of Ephraim H. Adams was Letitia Brown. She was born, of English ancestry, in Hamilton, Ontario, a daughter of Asa and Nancy (Lee) Brown, and died in 1887. Three children were born of their marriage, as follows: Asa Eli; Harry, who lived but five years; and Hayes M.

Asa Eli Adams was born in Crawford County, Ohio, August 28, 1864, and at the early age of ten years began working at the carpenter's trade. An able mechanic, skillful in the use of tools, he soon became proficient at his trade, which he has followed continuously in Sandusky since 1884. He married, July 4, 1887, Miss Sallie Livinia Martin, who was born at Martins Point, Margaretta Township, Erie County, Ohio. Her father, C. Nelson Martin, was born July 21, 1834, in San-

dusky, where his parents, Richard and Sallie Martin, were pioneer settlers, and married in early manhood Phebe Reed. Mr. and Mrs. Asa Eli Adams have four children living, namely: Phebe Letitia, Gracie Maude, Cecil Livinia, and Mabel Dorothy.

Gleaning his first knowledge of books in the rural schools of his native district, Hayes M. Adams subsequently continued his studies in Bloomville, and later attended the public schools of Sandusky, making his home with his brother Asa in the meantime. At the age of fourteen years he began an apprenticeship at the barber's trade, with which he was actively associated for nine years. He afterwards entered the employ of the Sandusky Gas Company as meter reader and collector, and while thus occupied made good use of his leisure time by taking a correspondence course in bookkeeping. He was subsequently twice promoted by his employers, first to the position of teller, and later becoming cashier of the company. At the end of seven years Mr. Adams severed his connection with the gas company and accepted the position of general bookkeeper in the Citizens Bank, in which he was later made individual bookkeeper, continuing with the bank in that capacity until his election as county auditor of Erie County. When Mr. Adams was first chosen to this responsible office, in November, 1912, he had a majority of 106 votes only, but in November, 1914, he received a majority of 2,893 of the votes cast, the large increase in his favor showing his popularity as a county official.

Mr. Adams married, in 1899, Miss Katherine L. Bier, who was born in Sandusky, and was there brought up and educated. Her father, Henry Bier, a native of Hessen, Germany, immigrated to America in 1852, settling in Sandusky, where he met and married Mary L. Stocker, who was born in Berne, Switzerland, and came to this country in 1871.

A stanch republican in politics, Mr. Adams cast his first presidential vote for William McKinley, and has ever since taken an active and intelligent interest in public affairs. He is officially identified with various fraternal organizations, being a member and chancellor commander of Sandusky Lodge No. 128, Knights of Pythias; a member and past commander of F. W. Stevens Tent No. 1293, Knights of the Maccabees; a member of Sandusky Lodge No. 285, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; a member of Sandusky Aerie No. 444, Fraternal Order of Eagles; and of Sandusky Herd No. 471, Loyal Order of Moose.

Hon. Malcolm Kelly. Bringing to the practice of his chosen profession an earnest zeal, a well trained mind, and habits of industry, Hon. Malcolm Kelly, a leading citizen of Sandusky, has won success as an attorney-at-law, and holds an honored position in the legal circles of Erie County. A son of the late John Kelly, he was born in Danbury Township, Ottawa County, Ohio, of excellent Irish ancestry on his father's side, and Puritan New England ancestry on his mother's side.

His paternal grandfather, William Kelly, was born in 1779, in the Parish of Gardaughy, County Down, Ireland, where he began life for himself as a linen draper. Shortly after his marriage with Jane Reed, a native of County Down, he started for America in 1805, arriving in Philadelphia, and from there going to New York State. In 1818, taking passage at Buffalo on the sailing vessel Perseverance, he came to Ohio, landing in Sandusky after a lake voyage of six weeks, in the month of December. With his family, he spent the following winter in a log cabin that had been used as a cooper's shop. He was very well educated for those days, and for some time after coming to Ohio was employed as clerk in the office of the county auditor at Port Clinton, Ottawa County. He spent the last of his life with his son John, dying there in 1867.

J. S. Widmann

John Kelly was born in Troy, New York, in 1809, and as a lad of nine years came with his parents to Ohio. In early life he worked at the mason's trade, but afterwards bought land in Danbury Township, and was there successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, in 1883. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Pettibone, was said to have been the first white child born in Newburg, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, her birth having occurred there in 1814. Her father, Truman Pettibone, a native of Vermont, migrated to Ohio in early manhood, and for awhile followed his trade of a cabinetmaker. Mr. Pettibone married Phebe Wolcott, a daughter of Benajah and Eliazbeth (Bradley) Wolcott. Mr. Wolcott, a native of New Haven, Connecticut, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, being a member of the Forty-first Connecticut Regiment. In 1809 Mr. Pettibone came with his family to Ottawa County, Ohio, locating in Danbury Township, on land donated to his wife by Epiphras Bull, to settlers coming in. After the surrender of Hull, in 1812, the Indians of that vicinity were very troublesome, and all of the whites fled, the Pettibones going to Newburg, where they remained until peace was restored. On their return to the home farm they found that nothing had been disturbed, a fact that he attributed to the influence of his friend, Chief Ogontz. For some time Mr. Pettibone had charge of the Marblehead light. His death occurred in 1832.

After leaving the rural schools of his native township, Malcolm Kelly attended the Sandusky High School two years, after which he taught school two or three terms. Going then to Oberlin, he completed the course of study in a business college, where he was subsequently employed as a teacher for two years. He then began the study of law, for which he had a natural aptitude, with Homer Goodwin, and in 1873 was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan. Going to Chicago, Mr. Kelly was soon admitted to the Illinois bar, and continued the practice of his profession in that city for two years. Returning to Ohio in 1875, he was admitted to the Ohio bar, and immediately opened a law office at Port Clinton. In 1898 Mr. Kelly located in Sandusky, where he has since continued in active practice, holding high rank among the more able and successful lawyers of this section of the state. In 1891 he was elected judge of the first subdivision of the Fourth Judicial Circuit to fill both an unexpired term and a full term, and remained on the bench for six years, filling the position most acceptably.

Mr. Kelly married, in 1876, Susan Smith, who was born in Fremont, Ohio, a daughter of John and Eleanor (Bowland) Smith, pioneer settlers of Sandusky County. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have three children, namely: Amy R., Bessie A., and Donald M.

Rev. Joseph S. Widmann. For nearly a quarter of a century the Rev. Joseph S. Widmann has been associated with Saint Mary's Church at Sandusky, first as curate and later as pastor, and during his long period of service he has labored diligently in the interests of the parish, being a tireless and earnest worker in the cause of the faith. A son of Daniel Widmann, he was born in Rice Township, Sandusky County, Ohio.

Daniel Widmann was born, bred and educated in Germany, the home for many generations of his ancestors. His sympathy with the revolutionists of 1848 was so clearly evident he as soon as possible after that historical event was obliged to leave the Fatherland. Taking passage on a sailing vessel, he landed in New York six weeks later, and going from there by rail to Albany, he continued his journey westward to Buffalo by way of the Erie Canal, and thence by Lake Erie to Sandusky, arriving in that city a stranger in a strange land, with but fifty cents to his name.

Seeking employment, he subsequently worked for different farmers in the vicinity of Norwalk, Bellevue and Fremont. Being industrious and prudent in his expenditures, he accumulated some money and in due course of time was enabled to buy eighty acres of land, paying $11 an acre for the tract. A small clearing and a set of log buildings constituted the only improvements that had been made on the place. Succeeding well in his undertakings, he afterward purchased a tract of timbered land at $8 an acre, but subsequently disposed of that property. He improved the greater portion of his land, erected a substantial set of frame buildings, and continued his residence in Rice Township until his death, at the age of sixty-two years. The maiden name of the wife of Daniel Widmann was Mary Hafner. She was born in Germany, and at the age of eleven years came with her parents to America, locating with them in Ohio, where she still lives, making her home with her children since the death of her husband. She reared seven sons and one daughter.

Having acquired his elementary education in the rural schools of his native township, Joseph S. Widmann subsequently continued his studies in Toledo for two years, and at the age of twenty years entered the classical department of Canisius College in Buffalo, where he remained five years. Going then to Cleveland, he entered Saint Mary's Theological Seminary, and was ordained to the priesthood by the late Bishop Horstmann from that institution on April 8, 1892. Coming directly to Sandusky, he served as curate of Saint Mary's Church for nine years, from April, 1892, until April, 1901, when he assumed his present responsible position as pastor of the church. Father Widmann is a man of scholarly attainments, earnest and thorough in all of his work, both spiritual and corporal, and has been largely instrumental in advancing the social and intellectual life of his parish, especially among the young people. Outside of the sanctuary he is a polished and pleasant gentleman, very popular, not only with his parishioners but with the masses of the people, and it is a real pleasure to meet him.

Jacob Dietz. In 1913 the City of Sandusky made a fortunate choice for the office of mayor in the person of Jacob Dietz, who is a native of Sandusky, has known the city and its people from early youth, and is a successful business man who has yielded to the importunities of his fellow citizens and has devoted himself disinterestedly to the management of municipal affairs.

Jacob Dietz was born in Sandusky, a son of Lewis Dietz. His father was a native of Bavaria, was reared and educated in his native land, and after leaving school served an apprenticeship under his father at the trade of tailor. Then following the practice of trade workers in the old country, he began his journeyman period, during which he traveled from city to city, working for a time in each place and before leaving securing a certificate of good character and workmanship from his employer. After a few months of journeyman's experience he left the old country and set out for the New World. He was accompanied by his widowed mother and sisters. They took passage on a sailing vessel, were on board sixty-three days, almost twelve times as long as the fast Atlantic steamers now require, and after landing at New York came west to Sandusky. Here Lewis Dietz engaged in business as a merchant tailor, and continued to make his home in the city until his death on April 6, 1896. He was twice married, and his wives were sisters. His second wife, the mother of Mayor Dietz, bore the maiden name of Catherine Knerr, who was also born in Bavaria, and died at Sandusky December 31, 1889. Her first husband was Paul Clauer, by whom she was the mother of five children, named Louise, Caroline, Paul, Daniel and Lizzie. By her

marriage to Lewis Dietz her two children were Emma and Jacob. The daughter Emma married Daniel Heffman, of Sandusky, and her two living children are Frederick and Emma, while Lewis died at the age of thirty-two and Daniel at the age of twenty-seven.

Jacob Dietz secured his education in the city schools of Sandusky. He was reared in the habits of industry and while still a boy was employed in the factory of the Sandusky Wheel Company. Then followed an apprenticeship at the trade of cigarmaker, and that gave him the basis for his permanent business career. From the savings of his work as a journeyman he embarked in business on his own account, and has now for many year been one of the leading cigar manufacturers of Sandusky. He finally formed a partnership with Daniel Mischler, under the firm name of Dietz & Mischler, and they have a large plant employing a number of hands, and besides the manufacture and distribution of their products they conduct a well appointed store on Columbus Avenue for the sale of tobacco and smokers' articles.

Mr. Jacob Dietz was married May 19, 1886, to Louise Schlenk. She was born in Sandusky, a daughter of Solomon and Mary (Kaechle) Schlenk. Mr. and Mrs. Dietz have two children: Arthur and Marie.

Jacob Dietz is affiliated with Sandusky Lodge No. 128, of the Knights of Pythias; with Sandusky Lodge No. 285, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and Sandusky Aerie No. 444, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Since reaching manhood he has been identified with the democratic party, and at different times has worked effectively in its campaigns. He served one term as president of the city council and was elected mayor in 1913.

JOHN F. HERTLEIN. An active and able member of the Erie County bar, John F. Hertlein has met with well merited success in his professional career, through his own efforts attaining a noteworthy position among Sandusky's most talented attorneys-at-law. A native son of Ohio, he was born on a farm near Sandusky, coming from excellent German ancestry.

His father, the late George Hertlein, was born and bred in Bavaria, Germany, where his parents spent their entire lives, as did his brothers and sisters, he having been the only member of the parental household to cross the ocean. Acquiring a good common school education in the days of his boyhood and youth, he served an apprenticeship at the millwright's trade, after which, as was customary in his native land, he worked as a journeyman in several different places, from each of his employers receiving a certificate testifying to his good character and skillful workmanship. At the end of three years he became a master workman, and continued at his trade until twenty-six years old, when, in 1843, he set sail for the New World. Five weeks after his embarkation he arrived in New York, and from there went to Buffalo, where he boarded a steamer bound for Sandusky. Going to Cincinnati a few weeks later, he remained in that city several years, being variously employed. Desirous then of wisely investing his earnings, he returned to Sandusky, and having purchased a small tract of land on the line of Perkins and Portland townships, turned his attention to truck farming, and was there a resident until his death, at the age of seventy-six years.

The maiden name of the wife of George Hertlein was Catherine Biegler. She was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1825, and died on the home farm in Erie County, aged seventy-eight years. Her father, George Biegler, was born, reared and educated in Bavaria. He there married, and several years later, in 1839, he formed a colony of twenty-one people, including himself, wife and five children, and came in a sailing vessel to the United States, the land of bright hopes and much promise.

Landing in Baltimore, he secured a six-ox team and a prairie schooner and made an overland journey across the mountains and through the intervening wilderness to Cincinnati. For awhile thereafter he lived at Lick Run, and then bought a farm at Delhi, a few miles west of Cincinnati, and was there busily employed in the culture of fruit the remainder of his life.

Brought up on the parental homestead, John F. Hertlein gleaned his first knowledge of the common branches of study in the rural schools of his native district. Subsequently for a number of years he alternately sailed the lakes during the seasons open to navigation and at other times attended the Ohio Northern University, at Ada, where he was graduated with the class of 1893. Mr. Hertlein, as natural to a young man of such distinctive energy and ambition, had previously formulated plans embracing a professional career. In 1887 he taught one term of school in Margaretta Township, then taught the Castalia High School for a period of five years, and subsequently became superintendent of the Kelley's Island schools for a like period, during which time he was a member of the county board of teachers' examiners for four years.

While teaching Mr. Hertlein studied law with King & Hull, and on giving up his position as teacher entered the law department of the Ohio State University, from which he was graduated in 1900. Being then elected clerk of courts, he served six years in that capacity, and since that time has been actively engaged in the practice of law at Sandusky, where he has won professional precedence by reason of his ability and devotion to his work.

Mr. Hertlein married, in 1899, Alice Kelley, a native of Margaretta Township, and daughter of Michael and Mary Kelley. Prominent in fraternal circles, Mr. Hertlein is a member of Science Lodge No. 50, Free and Accepted Masons; of Sandusky City Chapter No. 72, Royal Arch Masons; of Sandusky City Council No. 26, Royal and Select Masters; of Erie Commandery No. 23, Knights Templars; and of the Toledo Consistory, being a thirty-second degree Mason.

John H. Homegardner. For fully sixty years the name Homegardner has had important associations with the business and industrial affairs of Sandusky. When the family was first established in this section of Northern Ohio they had come only recently from Europe, and while people of great thrift and of excellent character, they were in exceedingly modest circumstances, and only by the unusual ability and enterprise of its members was the name raised to be one of distinction in the life and activities of the city. In a business way one of Sandusky's leaders for fully half a century was the late John Homegardner, who, beginning life a poor boy, was before his death a wealthy and influential citizen. His son, John H. Homegardner, has an even greater place in local business affairs, and his judgment and integrity have been factors in the shaping and successful progress of a number of Sandusky's business institutions.

For a great many years the family name has been associated with the sand industry, and John H. Homegardner is now president of the Homegardner Sand Company. He is president of the Sandusky Terminal Dock Company; a director of the Citizens Banking Company, of the Portland Vintage Company of Sandusky, of the Sandusky Abstract Company, of the Consumers Ice Company.

John H. Homegardner was born in Sandusky July 29, 1854, a son of John and Mary (Lieblan) Homegardner. His father was born in Switzerland and his mother in Germany. The late John Homegardner was brought to America when three years of age, coming on through New York to Sandusky, where his father died not long after the family

arrived. John Homegardner was thrown upon his own resources by the death of his father, and from an early age helped to support the household, and in the course of time gained an enviable position. For forty years he was engaged in the sand business and made that the basis of his successful career. For a long time he conducted it as sole proprietor under his individual name, and was also a timber contractor for a number of years. For twenty-four years he served as a member of the city council of Sandusky and for two terms was a county commissioner of Erie County. In politics he was a democrat, and his judgment was as much esteemed in public affairs as in business. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Sandusky has always been the home and center of activity for John H. Homegardner. He was reared in the city, was educated in St. Mary's parochial school and at the old Buckeye Business College, an institution which trained a great many successful business men. When he was only thirteen years of age he began gaining a practical knowledge of the sand business in the employ of his father, and was associated with the elder Homegardner for eleven years. He subsequently became a member of the retail shoe house of Giedeman & Homegardner, of Sandusky, and that was one of the best known stores of the kind in the city for a quarter of a century. In 1899 Mr. Homegardner engaged in his present business, with which his earlier experience had made him acquainted, and was vice president and cashier of the Homegardner Sand Company until the death of his father, at which time he was made president.

Mr. Homegardner married Miss Louise Stang, of Monroeville, Ohio, a daughter of the late Peter A. Stang. To their marriage were born two daughters: Norma L. and Wanda, both living at home with their parents. Mr. Homegardner is a democrat in politics, and is affiliated with Sandusky Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a liberal and active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He has proved himself a friend of all public-spirited movements undertaken in his city and county, and by a long career has established himself securely in the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

Alexander Deck. For many years a well known and prosperous merchant of Sandusky, Erie County, Alexander Deck, through his good business judgment and management, acquired a competency, and is now living retired from active pursuits, enjoying to the utmost a well merited leisure. His birth occurred in the month of May, 1840, in the Town of Ahrenstten, Baden, Germany. His parents were life-long residents of Baden, where his brother, Ferdinand, and his sister, Mary, are still living.

Leaving school at the age of sixteen years, Mr. Deck, who as a boy was bright and ambitious, began an apprenticeship at the cabinetmaker's trade, and served faithfully for four years. He subsequently worked as a journeyman in several different cities, from each of his employers receiving a certificate testifying to his good character and his skillful workmanship. Returning to his home, Mr. Deck was for four years in the employ of the Kaiser, and in 1866, during the progress of the war between Austria and Prussia, he served as a soldier in the German army.

Immigrating to the United States in 1867, Mr. Deck located at Sandusky, Ohio, where he soon found employment, first as a cabinetmaker and later as a millwright. Then for a period of three years he was engaged in the dry goods business, but owing to ill health he was forced to give up work for a time, and therefore disposed of his store and stock. On recovering his former vigor, he embarked in the furniture and undertaking business, conducting a store on East Market Street until 1898, when he sold out, and has since lived retired, as above stated.

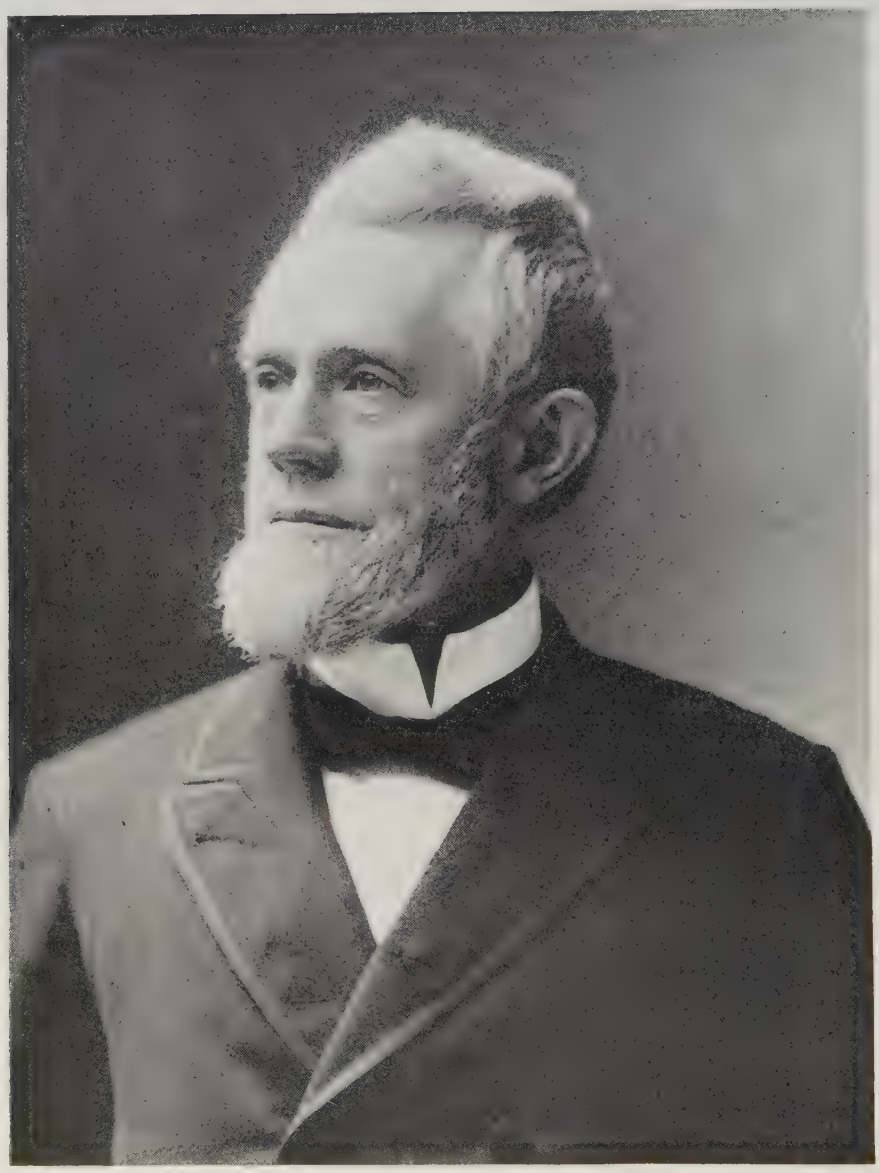
Mr. Deck was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Cable, who was born in Indiana, being the eldest daughter of Lawrence Cable. Mrs. Deck died in June, 1912, at a comparatively early age. She was a most estimable woman, and a devout member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, to which Mr. Deck also belongs.

William G. Sargeant. A long life has been vouchsafed to this venerable resident of Oxford township, where his home has been continuously for more than fifty-five years. An Englishman by birth, he came a young man full of hope and enthusiasm to this country, and after several years of varied experience in other localities moved into Erie County in 1859, and until he gave over some of the exacting toil by which he acquired his competence was one of the leading agriculturists of that locality. His birth occurred in Staffordshire, England, August 8, 1831, so that he is now four years past the eightieth milestone of life's journey. His parents were John and Ann (Gould) Sargeant, both natives of England. His early years up to his majority were spent in England, and his education so far as schools and books were concerned was terminated when about twelve years old. His father combined the vocations of farming and the butcher business, and the son had more or less thorough training in those occupations until he came to America. It was in 1856 that he embarked at Liverpool on the old sailing vessel William Stetson, and after a voyage of forty-two days landed in New York City. From there he came on West as far as Huron County, Ohio, remained only a short time there, and afterwards had several months or a year of life in the young City of Chicago. About 1859 he became permanently identified with Erie County and soon afterward located in Oxford Township.

For his first wife Mr. Sargeant married Miss Margaret A. Gill, who was born on the Isle of Man. She became the mother of five children, and the two now living are Martha A., wife of C. W. DeLamatre, a prominent lawyer of Omaha, Nebraska; and Elizabeth, wife of Professor Edwin Sherwood, who is an instructor in languages in the State University of Oregon at Salem. The present Mrs. Sargeant bore the maiden name of Sarah Isabel Struggles. She was born in Lincolnshire, England, October 21, 1839, a daughter of William and Susanna (Calting) Struggles, who were also natives of England. In 1872 Miss Struggles accompanied a married sister and the latter's two children to America, and after living for a time at Bellevue, Ohio, came on to Erie County, where she resided until her marriage to Mr. Sargeant. She is the mother of one daughter, Susie Isabel, now the wife of C. R. Withgott of Springfield, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Sargeant are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the early days Mr. Sargeant went through many hardships in order to get established as a farmer, but has done more than ordinarily well, and at the present time still owns about 165 acres of land in Oxford Township, devoted chiefly to the staple crops. He is a republican in politics, having taken up that political faith soon after becoming a naturalized citizen, and has always so conducted himself as to enjoy the confidence and esteem of the community with which he has been for so many years associated.

Jacob J. Crecelius. The votes of a large number of Erie County citizens called Jacob J. Crecelius to the position of commissioner, and after taking his seat on that board he was further honored by election as chairman, and now presides over the deliberations and activities of that body in its administration of the fiscal affairs of the county. Mr. Crecelius is a practical and widely experienced agriculturist of Oxford Town-



O. C. Tillinghast

ship, and represents some of the most substantial and early settled German stock in the county.

A native of Oxford Township, he was born December 7, 1869, a son of Jacob and Catherine (Erf) Crecelius. Both parents were born in Germany, and his father came to America in 1850, first locating in Huron County, and in 1852 moving to Erie County. He was a farmer, and located where his son now resides, and where his death occurred in 1899. Jacob Crecelius was a man of no little prominence in Oxford Township, served as trustee and for a number of years as a member of the Oxford Township school board, and was not only keenly interested but an influential and helpful factor in matters of local progress. He was a democrat in politics, and in every way public spirited.

Jacob J. Crecelius has spent practically all his life in Oxford Township, where he obtained his education from the local schools, and having been reared to farming pursuits has made that a stable and prosperous vocation. He has a large farm, devotes it to general crops and graded stock.

Mr. Crecelius married Minnie Ohlemacher of Milan Township, daughter of Frederick Ohlemacher, of that locality. To their marriage have been born five children. Esther, the oldest, is now a teacher in the public schools, while the four younger children are named Homer A., Catherine, Frederick and Robert.

During his career in Oxford Township Jacob J. Crecelius has served two years as a trustee, and also as a member of the Oxford Township school board. For six years he was a constable in the township, and is now on his third consecutive term as county commissioner. In his public service as in his own business he is hard headed, commonsense and practical, and has the reputation of getting things done efficiently and economically. In politics he is a democrat. Fraternally his affiliations are with the Masonic Lodge at Milan and also the Odd Fellows Lodge at the same place, and with the Knights of Pythias Order at Sandusky. His name is known everywhere in Erie County, and he has ordered his career in such a way as to establish and merit the confidence and good will of all who know him.

Charles Tillinghast. The venerable Charles Tillinghast, now aged eighty-three, is probably the oldest native son of Berlin Township in Erie County. He represents that fine old stock of Connecticut people who largely populated and owned the "fire lands" and who built some of the first log cabins, made some of the first clearings in the woods, and used the first plows in cultivating the soil in this rich and fertile frontier district. Tillinghast has for upwards of a century been an honored name in Erie County, and it is only a matter of due fitness that some space should be devoted to the career of Charles Tillinghast and his family relationship.

Charles Tillinghast was born on the old Tillinghast homestead in Berlin Township, April 11, 1832. His father was Oliver Cromwell Tillinghast, who was born in Rhode Island, March 31, 1801. The Tillinghasts were originally French people who located in Rhode Island more than two hundred years ago. The grandparents of Mr. Tillinghast spent practically all their lives in Providence, and died there. After the war of 1812 the grandfather came out to Northern Ohio, and under the privileges extended to the fire sufferers in Connecticut entered a tract of land in the district set apart for those sufferers in the southern part of Berlin Township, his claim being located on what is now the State Road southeast of Berlin Heights. He did not remain to permanently occupy this claim, but one of his sons, Joseph Tillinghast, came out soon afterwards and made the beginnings of improvement on the land. Joseph Tillinghast

subsequently married in Berlin Township Maria Walker, and late in life they left Ohio and spent their last years in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Oliver Cromwell Tillinghast grew up in Connecticut, received a common school education, and came to Ohio when he was about twenty-one years of age, in 1822. His brother Joseph had preceded him several years, and his own journey to this frontier district was made with a horse and wagon, for the entire distance. He spent four weeks on the road, and arriving in the wilderness his first thought was the erection of a log cabin home. He had brought from Connecticut tools with which he did most of the labor involved in this construction. The cabin was situated on a part of the land entered by his father, and after its building and after bringing about some other improvements which would serve to prepare conditions suitable for a permanent residence, he returned to Rhode Island after his wife by way of the Erie Canal, opening of which on his arrival at Buffalo was being celebrated by firing of cannon. In his native state he had married Ruth Aborn, who was born in Rhode Island in October, 1801. Her parents were Massachusetts people and of fine New England stock, she being the youngest of the children of her parents, who died about the time she was married. Her father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, having gone out with the Massachusetts troops. Mrs. Tillinghast was well educated, and prior to her marriage, which was celebrated in June, 1827, had taught school. Thus these two pioneers were fine types of the thrifty, hard-working, intelligent and high minded people who did so much to lay a substantial foundation for civilization in Erie County. Soon after their marriage they started for the West. Grandfather Tillinghast accompanied them with a wagon as far as Troy, New York. In the meantime, since Oliver's first visit to Northern Ohio, the Erie Canal had been completed and opened for traffic, and at Troy they embarked on a canal boat which carried them by successive stages to Buffalo. Thence they journeyed by a lake vessel to Sandusky, where their goods were loaded on a wagon drawn by oxen to the distance of twenty miles to their farm. These sturdy young people bravely confronted the conditions of the wilderness and accommodated themselves cheerfully to the limitations of a log cabin home. By 1834 they had advanced so far as to be able to build a new frame dwelling upon their land, and this house is one of the noteworthy landmarks of the early days still standing in Berlin township. It is in a good state of repair, and it together with all of the land is still owned by the Tillinghast family. In that locality Oliver C. Tillinghast and wife spent the major portion of their very active and worthy lives. By his own hands he cleared up a hundred acres, and by hard work and intelligent management provided abundant means for the upbringing of his children. Oliver C. Tillinghast died at the old home April 16, 1884, and his wife on May 16, 1889. Both came of hardy and well preserved stock, and like many other members of their respective families lived to green old age. They were for a number of years active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, but Oliver Tillinghast prior to the Civil war gave up his membership on account of the stand taken by the church on the question of slavery. He was himself a determined abolitionist, and could not consistently affiliate with an organization which assumed a somewhat neutral attitude on those critical problems that were threatening to divide and subsequently did divide the country in Civil war. Mr. Tillinghast was true to his convictions as an anti-slavery man, and helped many a runaway black to the safety and security found beyond the Canadian border. Though he gave up his active membership in the Methodist church he did not surrender the essential principles of Christian living, and throughout the rest of his life liberally supported all churches and attended some church meeting every Sunday, never missing a Sunday for several years. In the early

days he was aligned with the whig party, and subsequently became an equally strong republican.

Brief record concerning the children of Oliver C. Tillinghast and wife is as follows: Emeline died in Chicago in 1907. She married Fred R. Otis, a Chicago real estate man, who is also deceased. Of their two sons and four daughters, three are now married. Oliver Tillinghast came into possession of the old Tillinghast homestead, where he was born, and died there December 2, 1913. He married Eliza Reynolds of Berlin Township, who is now living at Berlin Heights with her only child, Margaret, the wife of Joseph T. Burnham, the Berlin Heights banker. The next in order of age is Charles Tillinghast. Mary, the youngest, is now living in Washington, the widow of Leman Hine, who died in February, 1914, after an active career as a prominent lawyer in Washington for fifty years.

Charles Tillinghast was born in the original log cabin constructed by his father in Berlin Township more than eighty-three years ago. His first associations, however, are with the old frame dwelling which his father built about two years after his birth. He grew up and received his education there, and when twenty-four years of age started out for himself and bought a farm in Berlin Township, which he occupied and improved for twelve years. He then bought his present farm south of Berlin Heights, comprising 240 acres, and in the course of time developed it into one of the best country homesteads in Berlin Township. He lived there and pursued a successful career as an agriculturist from 1869 to 1896. Since then Mr. Tillinghast has lived retired in the village of Berlin Heights, and occupies and owns a comfortable home on South street. As a farmer he gained his revenues from general agriculture and fruit growing and stock raising, and was noted for his particular skill and success in the raising and feeding of sheep.

In Berlin Township, December 10, 1857, Mr. Tillinghast married Alpha Hill, who was born in Berlin Township November 1, 1838, and who died at her home in Berlin Heights, January 23, 1911. She had spent all her life in this township, and for fifty-three years they had traveled life's journey as man and wife. One of the facts that should not be omitted from this family history is that not only Charles Tillinghast and wife lived to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary, but the same was true of his parents and his grandparents, and also his brother and his two sisters. In several cases the ties of wedlock were not broken for several years after this impressive and solemn celebration of fifty years of wedded life. Mrs. Tillinghast was the daughter of Edwin and Lucy (Tennant) Hill, who were early settlers in Erie county from Connecticut. Edwin Hill was a man of successful ability and influential citizenship, and he and his wife died in Berlin Heights. His father was Noah Hill, who came to Erie County during the decade of the '20s, and owned considerable land in and near the town of Berlin Heights. He was a mechanic and farmer, and it was due to his individual influence that in the decade of the '30s the name of the village and township was changed from Eldridge to Berlin and Berlin Heights. Mr. Eldridge was a large land owner in the township, and his name had been suitably honored in the locality, but subsequently the leadership of Noah Hill brought about the change which has persisted to the present time.

To the marriage of Charles Tillinghast and wife were born four children. Edward C., who is now managing part of his father's homestead in Berlin Heights, is a resident of Oberlin, where he received his education. Edward Tillinghast married Augusta Sears, whose parents were from New York State. She died in February, 1914, leaving a son and daughter: Lucile, who is a graduate of Oberlin College and lives at home with her father; and Raymond, who is a well educated young man, pro-

ficient in the Spanish language, and now a resident of Cuba. Glenn H., who died in 1903 at the age of forty, married Lucy Hitsman, and their two children were Ruth and Grace, both married and living in Cleveland. Mrs. Glenn Tillinghast is now living with her second husband in Berlin Heights. Emma, the third child, died in September, 1902, at the age of twenty-eight years; she was the wife of Jerome Hine. Lucy, who married Fred Page, lives at her father's home, and her daughter Winifred is the wife of Earl Welsh of Vermillion, Erie county.

Mr. Charles Tillinghast and wife practice the principle that right is right and God is just, and on that solid verity they built up the fabric of their just and kindly relations with their fellow men. Mr. Tillinghast is a republican, but overshadowing his belief and action in behalf of the economic principles of this party have been his strong belief and support of the prohibition cause. In this his wife shared the same views and principles. He has done much to influence the township elections in favor of prohibition, and has been a fit standard bearer of the cause, since personally he has never drunk intoxicating liquors, has never smoked nor chewed tobacco, and the same abstemiousness was characteristic of his father before him and of his sons.

William Wallrabenstein. Few of the citizens of Oxford Township have ordered their career more energetically and with better results as measured by material standards and by good citizenship than William Wallrabenstein, who is now the possessor of a handsome farm estate in that part of Erie County, and for a number of years has given some special service in aid of the local schools as a member of the township board of education.

Though a native of Germany he has spent practically all his life in Erie County, since his parents emigrated when he was only a few weeks old. He was born in Nassau, March 5, 1852, a son of Peter and Margaretta (Wolf) Wallrabenstein, who were likewise natives of Nassau. In the same year that he was born his parents set out for America, first locating in Huron County, Ohio, but when he was nine years of age came into Erie County and settled in Oxford Township, where they joined the early community of German-Americans in that locality. Peter Wallrabenstein died several years ago, having survived his wife ten years. He was not only a capable farmer, having gained a fair competence through his well directed labors, but was also a leader in the community in which he lived, and for four years served as township trustee. He was a democrat in politics and his church was the Evangelical Association. In his death Oxford Township lost one of its best citizens.

William Wallrabenstein grew to manhood in Oxford Township, and for his education attended the local schools. As a young man he had active fellowship with hard labor and the necessity of self support, and being industrious, self-reliant, and adhering to the strict ideals of honesty and probity has steadily prospered so that his career has been a constant upward path toward independence.

Mr. Wallrabenstein has been twice married. His first wife was Elizabeth Weiker of Sandusky County. She became the mother of four children, and the three now living are William P. of Oxford Township; George P. of Milan Township; and May, wife of Arnold Seip of Bellevue, Ohio. For his second wife Mr. Wallrabenstein married Emma Conradi, who was born in Oxford Township, a daughter of Christian Conradi, a native of Germany, but for many years an active farmer in Oxford Township. By the second marriage there are three children, and the two now living are Rupert C. and Fred A., both at home. Mr. Wallrabenstein and family are members of St. John's Evangelical Association of East Oxford and he has served that congregation as treasurer

and in other official positions. In politics he is a democrat, and is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees at Milan. Public spirited in everything that concerns the locality in which he lives, he has been especially interested in the welfare of the local schools and for more than fifteen years has been a member of the township board of education. His success as a business man is indicated by his ownership of 233 acres of land, his homestead comprising about 130 acres.

JOSEPH G. SARGEANT. One of the valuable country homes of Erie County which represents many years of toil and capable management under one ownership is that owned by Joseph G. Sargeant in Oxford Township, situated on Rural Route No. 3 out of Monroeville. Mr. Sargeant has spent fully fifty-five years in Oxford Township and has grown in prosperity and popular esteem in proportion to the years of his residence.

Born in Staffordshire, England, February 22, 1838, a son of John and Ann (Gould) Sargeant, he grew up in his native country, had a fair education in the local schools and also gained some knowledge of farming and practical industry. In 1856, at the age of eighteen, he accompanied by his older brother, William G., who is likewise a venerable citizen of Oxford Township, and went to Liverpool, where they embarked on the sailing vessel William Stetson and forty-two days later reached New York City. The brothers came on out to Huron County, Ohio, and about three years later, in 1859, Mr. Sargeant located permanently in Erie County. As a means of livelihood he worked for a time in a stone quarry, and having realized a small amount of money from his labors secured a few acres of land and began its cultivation, and by close economy and continuous work finally raised himself into the scale of independence as an agriculturist. He is now the possessor of a fine farm of nearly 200 acres, and he and his good wife have all the substantial comforts they desire for their declining years.

Mr. Sargeant married Miss Estelle Crockett of Oxford Township. She was born in Seneca County, Ohio, a daughter of Josiah Crockett, who for many years was a well known farmer in that county. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sargeant: Josiah C., of Oxford Township; Hattie, wife of M. Bacon, of Toledo; Clayton C., of Oxford Township; and Dr. Walter S. Sargeant, of Toledo. Mr. Sargeant is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and in politics is a republican. He is public spirited in all his relations, and in many ways has helped to forward progress in his home township.

WILLIAM SCHNEE, JR. While speaking of the old-time families of Oxford Township that of Schnee is one that frequently comes into the records both as substantial farmers and as citizens who have held the local offices of trust and honor. William Schnee, Jr., is township trustee at the present time and has a well managed and valuable country home on Rural Route No. 3 out of Monroeville.

A native of Oxford Township, he was born January 1, 1867, and his father was the late William Schnee, a native of Nassau, Germany. William Schnee came to America when a young man, having acquired his education in the old country, and not long afterward permanently settled in Oxford Township, where in the course of his long and active career he became identified with its institutions and was one of the leading farmers. He likewise served a term or so as township trustee. In politics he was a democrat, and in every relation was helpful and a valuable factor in the community. His death occurred in his sixty-ninth year. Ten of his children survive: Emma, wife of William Meyer, of Huron County; Frederick P. of Oxford Township; Catherine, wife of

Frederick Ohlemacher, of Erie County; Sophia, wife of Julius Leber, of Huron County; Louise, wife of Philip Leber, of Huron County; William, Jr., of Oxford Township; Maggie, wife of William Mayer, of Sandusky; Elizabeth, wife of Charles Ohlemacher, of Milan; Jennie of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Gustave of Oxford Township.

William Schnee, Jr., grew up on the home farm and secured such advantages as the public schools of Oxford Township could bestow. Mature years have developed him as a capable farmer, a man known for his thrift and good judgment, and it was these qualities which caused the community to choose him for the responsibilities of trustee.

He married Miss Eliza A. Turner, who was born in Oxford Township, a daughter of the late John Turner, who died in that locality when about seventy-five years of age. He was an early settler of Oxford Township, and was a native of England, having located in Oxford Township soon after his arrival in this country. Mr. and Mrs. Schnee have one son, Floyd E., who was born August 26, 1900, and is now a student in the local schools. In politics Mr. Schnee is independent, voting for the man whom he considers best fitted for office regardless of his party stamp. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees at Bloomingville, Ohio, and he and his wife are both interesting people and socially well known in their home community.

Fred A. Martin. One of the capable young business men of Sandusky, where he has made his enterprise a source of service to the community and has taken great pains to supply some standard food products, Fred A. Martin is a native of Belgium, and has lived in Sandusky for the past fifteen years.

He was born January 27, 1882, but in early childhood he came to America from his native land with his parents, Julius Martin and wife. They first located in Kent, Ohio. Julius Martin was a glass worker, and pursued his calling in various other cities in Ohio and Indiana. He came to Sandusky in 1901 and continued to follow his calling as a glass worker until his death in 1912.

The youngest in a family of ten children, Fred A. Martin, received most of his education in the public schools of Kokomo and Hartford City, Indiana. He began as a boy worker in the glass plant with his father, and continued to follow that vocation up to 1910. He then entered the confectionery and ice cream business in Sandusky, and he now has one of the largest plants for the manufacture of ice cream in Northern Ohio. This factory has a capacity for turning out 3,000 gallons per day, and is equipped with all modern improvements. Mr. Martin has always given special attention to the purity and quality of his product, and in connection with the manufacturing and wholesaleing of ice cream he conducts a large ice cream parlor, and in connection has a very complete cafeteria, where every day hundreds of local citizens serve themselves with choicely selected and cooked meals. His most important enterprise is in the manufacturing of high grade candies, employing a corps of expert workmen, and the products are of the highest standard.

Mr. Martin is a member of Perseverance Lodge No. 329, F. & A. M., of the local lodge of Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is a member of the Sunyendeand Club, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the United Commercial Travelers. In politics he is independent. On August 23, 1905, at Sandusky he married Miss Alpha H. Steen. Their two children are named Harry T. and Fred J., Jr.

Joseph L. Morrow. To mark the passing years with personal honor and worthy achievements is man's justification of his being and the crite-

Fred A. Martin

rion by which judgment is passed upon him. The career of this well known citizen of Erie County, which has practically been his home from his childhood days, has been significantly one of integrity of purpose, of consecutive industry, of self-reliance and of well merited advancement in temporal prosperity. He has been virtually dependent upon his own resources since boyhood and that he has wrought well needs no further certification than his present status as one of the substantial representatives of the agricultural industry in Erie County and his high standing in the confidence and good will of the community which has so long been his home. He was one of the valiant young patriots who represented this county as a soldier in the Civil War, and his loyalty in the "piping times of peace" has been of the same order. He is the owner of a small farm in Perkins Township and, now having attained to the age of three score years and ten, he has virtually retired from the arduous toil which marked his more active career.

Mr. Morrow was born in Bellevue, Huron County, Ohio, on the 25th of September, 1845, and is a son of William and Jemima (Taylor) Morrow, the former of whom was born in Ireland and the latter in the State of Connecticut. William Morrow was reared and educated in the Emerald Isle and as a youth of eighteen years he immigrated to the United States, having been for a time identified with the boot and shoe business in New York City, whence he finally came to Erie County, Ohio, and engaged in the same line of enterprise at Sandusky, he having learned the trade of shoemaker in his native land. He finally settled on a tract of land in Perkins Township, on what is now Columbus Avenue of the City of Sandusky, and he reclaimed this farm of thirty-six acres from the virgin forest, developing the same into one of the productive farms of the county and here continuing to maintain his home, a worthy and highly respected citizen, until his death in 1880.

Joseph L. Morrow, the immediate subject of this review, was a child at the time of the family removal to the pioneer farm in Perkins Township and was but ten years of age when his mother died. He gained his early education in the somewhat primitive schools of the locality and period, but his broader discipline has been that acquired in his long and active association with men and affairs, and his alert mentality has made him a man of well fortified views and excellent fund of information. When still a mere boy Mr. Morrow gained fellowship with honest toil and began to provide for his own maintenance. He was not yet sixteen years old at the time when the Civil War was precipitated on a divided nation and yet he waited only the possibility and opportunity for giving patent evidence of his youthful patriotism. In the winter of 1863 Mr. Morrow enlisted as a private in Company G, 123rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which gallant command he served until the close of the war, a faithful and valiant young soldier who was ever found ready to discharge promptly every assigned duty. He served in turn under Generals Sigel, Hunter, Sheridan and Grant and took part in many important engagements marking the progress of the great conflict between the States of the North and the South. For much of the time he was identified with military operations in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and later his regiment was with the Army of the James for a period of about six months. Among the more important engagements in which Mr. Morrow participated may be noted the battles of Winchester, Newmarket, Five Forks, Opequan, Cedar Creek, and the siege of Petersburg. Three days prior to the surrender of General Lee, on the field of Appomatox, Mr. Morrow's entire regiment was captured by the enemy, at Farmville, Virginia, but the members of the command were promptly released when the surrender of Generals Lee and Johnston became known. With his comrades Mr. Morrow returned to Ohio, and in

its capital city they received their honorable discharges in June, 1865. The military career of Mr. Morrow is one that will reflect enduring honor, and his interest in his old comrades in arms is shown by his active affiliation with that noble and patriotic organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, the ranks of which are being so rapidly thinned by the one invincible adversary, death.

After the close of the war Mr. Morrow returned to Erie County, where he remained until 1870, when he removed to Mound City, Illinois, where he resided several years. He then established his home in the city of St. Louis, Missouri, where he remained until 1882 and where he followed various lines of business activity. In the year mentioned he returned to Erie County and established his permanent residence on his present fine little homestead farm, the area of which is sufficient to permit him to maintain his activities in a productive and successful way without assuming the heavier burdens of responsibility that long rested on his shoulders.

Mr. Morrow is one of the liberal and public-spirited citizens of Erie County and is always ready to do his part in the furtherance of measures advanced for the moral, educational, social and material welfare of the community, the while both he and his wife are held in unqualified esteem by all who know them, both being zealous members of the Perkins Methodist Episcopal Church, and his political allegiance having been given to the republican party from the time he attained to his legal majority to the present.

As a young man Mr. Morrow wedded Miss Annetta Hopkins, of Erie County, and of the three children of this union two are living—Marian, who is the wife of Otto Erickson, of Cleveland, and Olive, who is the wife of Thomas Mays, of Akron, this state. John W., the third child of this marriage, is deceased. For his second wife Mr. Morrow wedded Miss Susan J. Banks, who was born and reared in Perkins Township and who is a daughter of the late William Banks. The one child of this union is Vincent B., and he resides in the City of Cleveland.

George Hinde. The community of Perkins Township sustained a great loss in the death of George Hinde in August, 1899. Mr. Hinde was a native of Erie County and possessed just the proper combination of industry, good judgment, ability as a farmer and financier and a spotless integrity which enabled him to accumulate not only a substantial material prosperity but also the fond regard and respect of all who were acquainted with him personally or with his attainments.

He was born at Huron, Ohio, July 18, 1838, a son of James J. and Margaret (Broderick) Hinde. His father was a native of Ireland and an early settler in Perkins Township of Erie County, where his name deserves a place among the pioneers. He died in that township and spent most of his years as a farmer.

On March 6, 1871, Mr. Hinde married Ann H. Graham, who was born in Huron Township of Erie County, a daughter of John and Jane (Crozier) Graham. The Grahams were also early settlers in Huron Township and natives of Ireland. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hinde: May A., wife of John C. Peterson, of Perkins Township; Margaret J., wife of Gustavus Kelley, of Perkins Township; John G., now deceased; Mabel N. lives in Perkins Township; and John G., second of that name, also a resident of Perkins Township.

Joseph T. Burnham. The president of the Berlin Heights Banking Company, Mr. Burnham is one of the vigorous business leaders in this section of Erie County, and while it has been his own home for only a few years, he may claim through his parents and his grandfather asso-

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ciations with some of the earliest pioneer history of Northern Ohio. The Burnhams were Connecticut people who came to Northern Ohio as claimants of some of the land granted as a remuneration to the sufferers from British invasion, known as the "Fire Land."

Mr. Burnham's grandparents were Ellsworth and Maria (Walker) Burnham, both natives of Connecticut, the former of English and the latter of Scotch lineage. Ellsworth Burnham grew up and married in Connecticut, and about 1815 he and his brother Moses came to Ohio. Their father, Captain Burnham, was a Revolutionary war veteran, and had previously come out to Northern Ohio and entered more than three hundred acres in the district known as "Fire Land." The family had suffered losses at the hands of British invaders, and their names appear on the list of fire land grantees found on other pages of this history. Ellsworth and Moses Burnham made the trip from Connecticut on horseback and located on a ridge of land on the old State Road between Cleveland and Toledo in Berlin Township. Their settlement was in the midst of the wilderness. Dense woods surrounded them on all sides, and they like all other first comers lived in a log cabin and endured all the inconveniences and hardships of frontier life. Indians were at that time fully as numerous as whites, and the readiest means of subsistence to the settlers was the abundance of wild game that every hunter could secure at will. Here they built up and improved extensive farms. A number of years later Moses sold his interests and moved to Indiana. About the close of the American Civil war Ellsworth Burnham also left Erie County. While living in that county three sons were born to him and wife: Joseph T.; Dr. Norman G., who is eighty-three years of age and is still in the practice of medicine at Denver, Colorado; and Henry, who now lives at Sylvania, near Toledo, Ohio.

Ellsworth Burnham on leaving Erie County moved to Saginaw, Michigan, when that was a rough and stirring town primarily existing as a center of the lumber industry. Ellsworth Burnham and wife died at Saginaw within a year of each other, and were at that time past fourscore years. They were active members of the Methodist Church, and were among the leaders in upbuilding the church of that denomination at Berlin Heights, being charter members and he an active official in the organization. Ellsworth Burnham was a whig in the early days, and not only voted and worked for the interests of that party but was strongly aligned with the early abolitionists, and his home was one of the stations on the underground railway. After the dissolution of the whig party he became equally influential as a republican.

Joseph Trumbull Burnham, father of the Berlin Heights banker, was born on the old homestead above described in Erie County. He grew up in the environment of a frontier country, and for a number of years operated a sawmill with water power in the vicinity of Berlin Heights. The loss of his right arm in the fly-wheel of the machinery caused him to give up milling, and about the close of the Civil War he took his family to the Saginaw Valley of Michigan. There he engaged in lumbering and also operated a general store at St. Charles. Subsequently he moved into the City of Saginaw, and died there in 1902. He was a republican in politics, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was married in Berlin Heights to Julia Hine, who was born in Erie County in 1826 and died at Saginaw, Michigan, in 1904. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. While Joseph T. Burnham and wife lived in Erie County two children were born. Ella, the first, died in Chicago in 1894, the wife of C. M. Palmer of Chicago. The other daughter, Sarah, is now the wife of Dr. W. P. Morgan, a dentist at Saginaw. After the family removed to Michigan two sons were born, Frank Ellsworth and Joseph T.

The first born, Frank Ellsworth, died in September, 1880, at the age of twenty-six, his death following injuries received while he was riding through a prairie dog town in Wyoming, his horse having stumbled and thrown him.

Joseph T. Burnham was born in Saginaw, Michigan, October 4, 1869, and was given a liberal education. From the public schools he entered the Michigan Agricultural College at Lansing, and also was a student in the Presbyterian College at Alma, Michigan. For one year he lived in Otsego County, Michigan, engaged in the lumber industry, and after that was a resident of Chicago until 1900. He returned to Saginaw for three years, and soon afterwards located in Berlin Township of Erie County. He was engaged in the management of a farm here, and in 1905 was elected a director in the Berlin Heights Banking Company, a state institution, subsequently was made first vice president, and on the death of George W. Close, the president, in August, 1912, was elected his successor, and has since had the executive responsibility of this old and substantial institution.

The Berlin Heights Banking Company was organized in 1883. Its first president was William Henry Hine, who at his death was succeeded by George W. Close, and thus Mr. Burnham is the third to hold the office of president. The bank has kept its original capital of $50 000 and has made a splendid record as a conservative and solid institution, furnishing a reliable service in general banking. In February, 1914, the company took over the Citizens Banking Company of Berlin Heights.

At Berlin Heights Mr. Burnham married Margaret Reynolds Tillinghast, who was born on the old Tillinghast homestead in Berlin Township, the only child of her parents that lived to maturity, there being one daughter, Ruth, who died aged about eighteen years. The place where Mrs. Burnham was born comprised land secured direct from the Government by the grandfather, Oliver C. Tillinghast, and he lived and died there, having been one of the early and honored residents of Berlin Township. Mrs. Burnham's father was the late Oliver C. Tillinghast, Jr., who lived in the Burnham home and at the time of his death was eighty-three years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Burnham have two children: Julia E., who died in 1903, when nearly five years of age; and Oliver Trumbull, who was born December 6, 1907, on his grandfather's old homestead in Berlin Township. Mr. and Mrs. Burnham are active members of the Congregational Church, and for nine years he served as its trustee. He is also a member of the local school board, is a republican in politics, and a member of Lakeview Lodge No. 391, Knights of Pythias.

George W. Waldock. One of the oldest families of Erie County is represented by George W. Waldock, whose name and personal activities as a farmer and stock dealer are well known throughout this section. Mr. Waldock is a native of Erie County and from an early age has given most of his attention to that branch of business and farming connected with the raising and handling of live stock. His work has been of value to the community at large, and he is connected with several business institutions of Erie County, and at the present time is a trustee of Perkins Township, in which locality he has had his home for many years. He also does some business as a real estate broker.

George W. Waldock was born in Erie County June 10, 1868 one of the children of Frederick D. and Fannie Jane (Green) Waldock. His parents were born in Hunterdonshire, England, and were of substantial English stock. In 1857 they emigrated to America, locating almost immediately in Erie County, in Oxford Township, but not long afterwards in Perkins Township, where the father became engaged in agriculture on a large scale. He soon built up for himself a reputation as

one of the leading cattle dealers in Ohio, and was in active business along that line for many years. His death occurred several years ago. He was a skilled and able business man, a competent financier and in a business way had a reputation much beyond his home locality. He was well educated, was independent in politics, and possessed a genial straightforward nature that caused everyone to have implicit confidence in him. Of his children six survive, as follows: Frederick J. of Perkins Township; John P., also of Perkins Township; Charles A., of Sandusky; William A. of Sandusky; George W.; and Fannie J., wife of J. C. Clark of Sandusky. Five of the children are deceased.

George W. Waldock grew up on his father's farm in Perkins Township and gained an education in the local schools. That training was supplemented by practical experience, and in many ways he possesses the fine qualifications as a business man and citizen enjoyed by his father. At the age of sixteen he and his brothers were making themselves useful as helpers to their father in the cattle business, and he subsequently embarked in the same line of enterprise for himself. His home has always been in Perkins Township, and in April, 1899, he removed to his present farm, which he has occupied and improved during a residence of more than fifteen years. This homestead contains 100 acres and his holdings also include two other farms in Erie County.

Mr. Waldock married Katheryn L. Scheid, daughter of Peter and Catherine Scheid. Her father was a late resident of Oxford Township, Erie County. To their union have been born two children: Verna Ivea and G. Howard S. Mr. Waldock is now serving his second term as a trustee of Perkins Township. He is a member of the United Commercial Travelers, is a director in the American Banking and Trust Company, an ex-director in the Duroy & Haines Wine Company of Sandusky, a director in the Portland Vintage Company, and a director in the Herb Brewing Company. He is a member and trustee of the English Lutheran Church at Sandusky. In politics his relations have always been with the republican party. Mr. Waldock has an extended acquaintance over Erie County, is recognized among its public spirited and influential citizens, and gives his support and favor to every improvement that will enhance the attractiveness of this part of Ohio as a place of business and residence.

George F. Hartung. One of the individual enterprises of Erie County that should be considered in these pages is the Campbell Street Gardens, located in the suburban district of Sandusky, in Perkins Township. Gardening is an important branch of the agricultural industry which has seen remarkable development in recent years, consequent upon the concentration of population within large centers. The Campbell Street Gardens was one of the first enterprises of this kind to be formally established and promoted to supply the increasing demands of the people of Sandusky for all kinds of vegetable products. The business was started about thirty years ago, and George F. Hartung, the present proprietor of the Gardens, grew up in the business and has succeeded his father in the management and proprietorship. Mr. Hartung is a capable business man, energetic, thrifty, and with a thorough knowledge of what the business and the people require in his particular line.

He was born in Sandusky, April 18, 1872, a son of F. A. and Regina (Streit) Hartung. Both parents were natives of Germany. F. A. Hartung was a boy when he came to America more than half a century ago, and his father was one of the early gardeners on the Huron Road in Perkins Township. Thus the business has been a family occupation for three successive generations in Erie County. F. A. Hartung was for a number of years in business as a gardener, and established the industry

on Campbell street, now conducted by his son, about 1885. His death occurred April 8, 1904. He was a man notable for his industry and a conscientious, hard-working citizen. His widow survived him and now resides at 108 Plum Street in Sandusky. The father was a republican in politics, and had a high standing among all classes of people.

George F. Hartung grew up in Sandusky and attended the public schools there. When about thirteen years old he moved into Perkins Township with his parents, and has ever since lived on the old homestead, better known as the Campbell Street Gardens.

Mr. Hartung was married January 2, 1895, to Miss Emma L. Sturzinger, who was born in Perkins Township, a daughter of Gottlieb Sturzinger. Her parents are both now deceased. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hartung have been born eight children, named as follows: Margaret, Harold, Gertrude, George, Dorothy, Chester (deceased), Wesley, and Donald. This is a fine family of children and all of them growing to useful manhood and womanhood.

While best known as a successful gardener, Mr. Hartung has also for many years been a leader in public affairs. For four years he was treasurer of Perkins Township, and is one of the influential members of the republican party in the county. He served for several years as county committeeman from Perkins Township, and for one term was secretary of the county organization. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Woodmen of the World. By hard work and good business judgment he has developed his enterprise at the Campbell Street Gardens from one of small proportions to probably the largest undertaking of its kind in the vicinity of Sandusky, and that city receives a large share of its provisions from this place.

August Arheit. A business that has shown remarkable capacity for development under the enterprise of August Arheit is the dairy establishment conducted under his proprietorship, his fine farm being located in Perkins Township on Rural Delivery Route No. 2 out of Sandusky. What is known as Perkins Avenue leads by his farm, and furnishes ready means of access to his chief market. Mr. Arheit has always been known as a hard worker, and in developing his business has had one ambition—to furnish the highest grade of milk supplies to his patrons. Twenty-five years ago, in 1890, he established his first milk route in Sandusky. He furnished reliable service and in a short time had the satisfaction of seeing his business grow, and it is now one of the best of its kind in the vicinity of the city. He now has five wagons covering five separate routes every day in the year, and supplies many hundreds of customers with the choice milk and cream from his dairy farm in Perkins Township.

August Arheit was born in Baden, Germany, March 6, 1859, a son of George and Margaret Arheit, both of whom are natives of the same province. Mr. Arheit grew up in Germany, and lived there until his twenty-second year. His education came from the common schools, and he was early trained to industry and thrift. At that age he came with his parents to America, and the family located in Sandusky. He soon found employment for his energy, and some seven or eight years after arriving in Sandusky made his first independent venture as a dairyman. His is an independent success, and he has never asked for anything more than a fair field and favors to none.

Mr. Arheit was married to Christina Pfatheicher, who was born in Baden, Germany. To their marriage have been born a fine family of ten children: George, of Sandusky; Edwin, of Detroit, Michigan; Carl, of Perkins Township; Arthur, of Perkins Township; Frederick, of Perkins Township; Helmud, living in Perkins Township; Frieda; Hilda; Ruth; and Wilmer, all of the younger children being at home. Mr.

Arheit is independent in politics, and with his family is a member of the Reformed Lutheran Church. He is public spirited, and favors anything that will make living conditions better in his community.

George W. Skillman. As a lad of about fifteen years George W. Skillman accompanied his parents on their removal to Erie County and the family home was at that time established in Perkins Township, where he has continued his residence during the long intervening period of more than half a century—a period marked by worthy accomplishment on his part, his success and prosperity having been achieved through his own ability and well-ordered endeavors. He is now the owner of a well-improved fruit farm of twenty-five acres, eligibly situated on the main highway between Sandusky and Milan and opposite the Soldiers' Home. He has become a recognized authority in connection with fruit culture in this section of the state and his success has been on a parity with the industrious and careful efforts which he has brought to bear in the development of his present attractive place, which is largely given over to the cultivation of a variety of fruits, with incidental production in general agricultural lines. Mr. Skillman has been a resident of Perkins Township since the spring of 1861 and with the passing years he has kept in close touch with the march of development and progress in this favored and opulent section of the old Buckeye State, the while he has exemplified the highest civic loyalty, been influential in public affairs of a local order and is held in unqualified popular confidence and esteem.

Mr. Skillman is a scion of a family that was founded in the State of New Jersey in an early day, probably in the colonial era of our national history, and his paternal and maternal grandparents passed their entire lives in that fine old commonwealth, which he himself claims as the place of his nativity. Mr. Skillman was born at New Brunswick, the judicial center of Middlesex County, New Jersey, on the 8th of April, 1846, and is a son of Aaron J. and Eliza A. (Van Nostrand) Skillman, both of whom were born and reared in that state, the mother having been of staunch Holland Dutch ancestry, as the family name clearly indicates.

In the year 1854, when the subject of this review was about eight years of age, his parents left their old home in New Jersey and removed to Mount Clemens, Macomb County, Michigan, where they continued their residence until the spring of 1861, when removal was made to Erie County, Ohio. Settlement was made in Perkins Township, and here the father died in the year 1869, his wife having survived him by a term of years. Of their ten children only four are now living: Martin L., who is a resident of Mount Clemens, Michigan, was a valiant soldier of the Union in the Civil war, as was also Isaac, who maintains his home in the City of Grand Rapids, that state; George W., of this review, is the next in respective order of birth; and Della, who now resides at San Diego, California, is the widow of the late Albert Walker, of Sandusky, who likewise was a veteran of the Civil war.

George W. Skillman acquired his rudimentary education in his native state, continued his studies in the schools of Mount Clemens, Michigan, and attended school for a time after the family removal to Erie County. He has lived continuously in Perkins Township, as previously stated, and there has so improved his opportunities as to win definite independence and prosperity, his present homestead having been his place of residence since 1882 and being improved with excellent buildings as well as with fine orchards and vineyards. Mr. Skillman has identified himself closely with all community interests, has been staunchly arrayed as a supporter of the cause of the republican party and served seven years in the office of township trustee, besides having given effective service for a similar

period as a member of the board of education of Perkins Township, a portion of the time his position having been that of president of the board.

On the 8th of February, 1882, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Skillman to Miss Annetta Hickman, who was born and reared in Perkins Township and who is a representative of one of the prominent pioneer families of this county. She is a daughter of Jacob and Anna (Buck) Hickman, the former of whom was born in Delaware and the latter in Pennsylvania. Her maternal grandfather, Henry Buck, was one of the very early settlers of Erie County and here died from an attack of cholera, during the memorable epidemic of the dread disease in 1849. The parents of Mrs. Skillman were early settlers on a farm in Perkins Township and a part of the same is the homestead now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Skillman. Jacob Hickman survived his wife by a number of years and was one of the venerable pioneer citizens of Perkins Township at the time of his death, in 1897. Of the two surviving children Mrs. Skillman is the younger, and her sister, Elizabeth J., is the wife of Lewis L. Clark, concerning whom individual mention is made on other pages of this publication.

Mr. and Mrs. Skillman became the parents of two sons, the second of whom died in infancy. Harry H., who still maintains his home in Perkins Township, married Miss Emily Halt, and they have three children, G. Carlisle, Lois M. and Robert H.

Lewis L. Clark. It is most gratifying to be able to offer in this publication a brief review of the career of this venerable and honored pioneer citizen of Erie County, which became the home of the family when he was a mere child and within the gracious borders of which the major part of his life has been passed, though his is the distinction also of having been a pioneer in the State of California, to which he made his way at the time when the gold excitement was at its height in that historic New Eldorado. Mr. Clark is the only living representative of his generation in a family of twelve children and the name which he bears has been identified with this history of Erie County for virtually three-fourths of a century, so that it may be readily understood that his memory constitutes an indissoluble chain that links the early pioneer days with the present period of opulent prosperity and progress in this favored section of the Buckeye State. Though he has passed the eightieth milestone on the journey of life, Mr. Clark has lived a "godly, righteous and sober life," with the result that he retains to a wonderful degree his physical and mental vigor and has shown no desire for inactivity or too tranquil ease. He gives his personal supervision to his fine fruit farm in Perkins Township, and is widely known as one of the most successful peach-growers in this section of the state, even as he is a recognized authority in this field of enterprise.

Lewis L. Clark is a scion of staunch colonial stock in New England and his maternal grandfather was a valiant soldier in the Continental Line in the War of the Revolution. Mr. Clark was born in Woodstock County, Vermont, on the 22d of October, 1834, and is the only one surviving of the twelve children of Joseph and Philena (Kempton) Clark, the former of whom likewise was a native of the old Green Mountain State, and the latter of whom was born in the State of Rhode Island. In the middle '30s, when the subject of this sketch was a mere child, Joseph Clark immigrated with his family from Vermont to Ohio and became one of the pioneer settlers in what is now Perkins Township, Erie County, where he obtained a tract of heavily timbered land and set to himself the reclaiming of a farm from the forest wilds. The original family domicile was a log house of the primitive type common to the early pioneer days, but within its rude walls peace and comfort found

place and, with its latch-string always out, its hospitality was in obverse ratio to its limited dimensions. Joseph Clark, with characteristic New England vigor and thrift, succeeded in the development of a productive farm and in making adequate provision for his family, though he and his noble wife endured their full share of the trials and hardships that fell to the lot of the pioneers in a new country. Both continued their residence on their old homestead until the close of their long and useful lives,—folk of indomitable energy, of deep religious faith and of abiding sympathy and kindliness, so that their names well merit perpetuation on the roll of the honored pioneers of Erie County.

Under the conditions and influences of the pioneer days Lewis L. Clark was reared to maturity in Erie County, and it may well be understood that this section of the state is endeared to him by many gracious memories and associations. The primitive subscription schools maintained by the pioneers afforded him his preliminary educational discipline and through this medium he was enabled to lay broad and deep the foundation for the substantial superstructure of information and judgment which he has reared through personal application to study and reading and through travel and the varied experiences of a signally active and useful life. He was an argonaut in California, as previously noted, but in later years he has traveled somewhat extensively through both the East and the West, his western trips having included visits to California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Nevada.

In 1854, about five years after the memorable discovery of gold in California, Mr. Clark, who was then about twenty years of age, indulged his youthful spirit of adventure by making his way to the Pacific Coast, the trip having been made via the Isthmus of Panama. He landed in San Francisco, whence he soon proceeded to the gold fields of Sierra County, where he instituted his quest for the precious metal, his mining for gold having thereafter been continued in El Dorado County, where he remained about three years, after which he was similarly engaged for a time in Butte County. In the last mentioned county, after having been measurably successful as a gold-seeker, he finally located upon and instituted operations on a ranch, near Butte Creek, in the Sacramento Valley. In this enterprise he was associated with George W. Sailor, under the firm name of Clark & Sailor, and they were successful in their undertaking, in which they continued their activities for more than six years. With an appreciable sum of money to his credit, Mr. Clark then returned to the East, after having been far removed from the stage of operations during the entire period of the Civil war. In 1865, by way of the Nicaragua Route, he made the return journey and came back to the old home in Erie County. He finally settled on his present farmstead, in Perkins Township, where he owns forty-five acres of land, his residence being situated opposite the Soldiers' Home and on a virtual extension of South Hancock Street in the City of Sandusky. Here he has lived in peace and prosperity during the long intervening period of nearly fifty years, an upright, loyal and steadfast citizen who has secure place in the confidence and veneration of all who know him. His well improved farm is devoted almost exclusively to fruit-growing and he is known as an expert in the propagation of the finest grades of peaches, being one of the leading peach-growers of Erie County and taking great pride in his splendid orchards, to which he continues to give his personal care and supervision.

On the 14th of November, 1867, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Clark to Miss Elizabeth J. Hickman, whose entire life has been passed in Erie County. She was born in Perkins Township and is a daughter of Jacob C. and Anna (Buck) Hickman, the former of whom was born in Delaware and the latter in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Clark's maternal

grandfather, Henry Buck, came from Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, to Erie County in 1830 and eventually established his home on the farm now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Clark. He passed the residue of his life in Perkins Township, where he died on the 7th of November, 1897, one of the most venerable and honored pioneer citizens of Erie County. Within this county are now to be found his descendants even to the fifth generation, and he was one of those strong and resourceful men who aided largely in the civic and industrial development and upbuilding of this section of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have one son, William J., who is engaged in fruit raising. He married Miss Lotta Snively, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and they have two daughters,—Helen and Marjorie. As a young woman Mrs. Lewis L. Clark was a successful and popular teacher in the public schools of Erie County, after having attended a private school and the Sandusky High School when that department of the city schools was comparatively a new institution. She continued her services as a teacher for several years prior to her marriage and has always kept in touch with the best literature and the best thought and sentiment of the day. She is an active member of the Twentieth Century Club and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and both she and her husband attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. Theirs has been an ideal companionship of nearly half a century, with all of intellectual harmony and mutually high ideals, so that in the twilight of their lives they find themselves compassed by all that makes graceful and benignant this period, the while their circle of friends is limited only by that of their acquaintances.

Albert E. Wagner. An old established and important industry in Perkins Township is conducted by the Wagner Quarries Company, whose business offices are at Sandusky. The family of this name has been engaged in quarrying stone in Erie County more than twenty years, and Albert E. Wagner, a son of the founder of the business, is now the active superintendent of the No. 1 Quarry in Perkins Township, where Mr. Wagner makes his home. About thirty-five men on the average are employed at this quarry and its working not only employs a great deal of labor but its output is sufficient to place it among the leading productive industries of this section.

A native of Sandusky, Albert E. Wagner was born June 13, 1879, a son of Michael and Catherine (Lauber) Wagner. His father was born in Germany, came to the United States when about twelve years of age, went from New York to Canada, and after living there for a time moved to Ottawa County, Ohio, locating at Marblehead. Subsequently he moved to Sandusky, and lived there from the '70s on. He engaged in the quarry industry in 1893, and was the founder of the Wagner Stone Quarries. This company now operates five quarries in different parts of Erie County, and the No. 1 Quarry has been in constant operation since 1893, and the son Albert has been superintendent of that branch since 1903. Michael Wagner retired from active participation in the business in 1913, having for the previous twenty years been president of the company. He is still living and is past seventy-eight.

Albert E. Wagner was reared to man's estate in Sandusky, attended St. Mary's Catholic Parochial School, and was also a student in the Sandusky Business College. Since the age of fourteen he has had almost constant experience in stone quarrying, and this concentration of effort is largely responsible for his establishment as a successful business man at a comparatively early age. He lived in Sandusky until 1910, and since that year has had his home near Quarry No. 1 in Perkins Township. For several years he was secretary of the Wagner Stone Company, which has since been succeeded by the Wagner Quarries Company.

Newton Andress

On April 16, 1907, Mr. Wagner married Lucy Keller, who was born in Perkins Township, a daughter of Frank Keller. To their marriage was born one daughter, Lucile D. In politics Mr. Wagner is a democrat, and is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Sandusky. Mr. Wagner also has to his credit service as a soldier in the Spanish-American war. He was a member of Company B of the Sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, having joined that company at Sandusky, and spent nearly a year with his command. For about four months his regiment was engaged chiefly in guard duty in Cuba, and the rest of the time was spent in the various camps in Tennessee, Georgia and South Carolina. He is a member of the Spanish-American War Veterans at Sandusky.

Newton Andress. Among the homes at Berlin Heights that stand for dignified social tradition and the best ideals that have permeated and vitalized the society of Erie County for many years that now occupied by Mrs. Ella A. Andress has special interest. Mrs. Andress lives in a beautiful fifteen-room residence, which since it was built has frequently been the scene of gatherings of the best people in that community. Mrs. Andress for a woman of her years has a remarkably well preserved nature, and it seems hardly possible that the coming years can dim the animation of her spiritual character. She is easily one of the most important leaders in local society, and at different times has done a great deal in the cause of prohibition.

Her late husband was Newton Andress, who died at his home in Berlin Heights April 28, 1909. Mr. Andress was a man with a successful record in business and likewise enjoyed the high esteem paid to good citizens. He was born at Henrietta, in Lorain County, Ohio, November 13, 1834, and was in his seventy-fifth year when he died. His father, Almond Andress, died at Birmingham in Erie County at the age of eighty-four. He was twice married, and his first wife was the mother of the late Newton Andress.

Newton Andress grew up on a farm, attended the country schools, and nearly all his active career was devoted to farming, latterly on an extensive scale, and the foundation of his prosperity was laid in this occupation. He was first married to Carrie C. Barber. She was born in Erie County February 22, 1839, a daughter of Rev. Phineas Barber, who is remembered as one of the early Methodist Episcopal preachers in Erie County, and who died at the home of his daughter in Berlin Heights. Mrs. Carrie C. Andress died June 3, 1892. There were no children by this marriage. Before Mr. and Mrs. Andress had retired to Berlin Heights they owned and occupied two large farms in Erie County, and as the possessors of ample means also had the wisdom needed to enjoy them. Mrs. Andress was a regular attendant at church and a devout Methodist. Newton Andress was in politics a democrat, and at different times had been honored with local offices in his township and the Village of Berlin Heights. He was also a Mason who had attained the thirty-second degree in Scottish Rite, and had affiliations with Marks Lodge No. 359; with the Royal Arch Chapter at Berlin Heights; with Norwalk Commandery No. 18, K. T.; and with Lake Erie Consistory and the Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland.

On September 28, 1893, Mr. Andress married Mrs. Ella A. (King) Clary. Mrs. Andress was born in Florence Township, Erie County, May 13, 1851, and grew up in that country community and at the Village of Berlin Heights. She attended the public schools and also the college at Berea, and in early life was a teacher. She first married George Chandler Clary, who was born in Florence Township April 7, 1848, and died suddenly while away from home on April 12, 1879. His father, George W. Clary, was a pioneer farmer in Florence Township, and spent

an active and prosperous career there, dying at the age of eighty-two. He was one of the early members of the republican party in that section. George W. Clary married Eliza Chandler, who survived him a few years and was a woman of strong mind and strict in her religious duties, and was nearly eighty-four years of age at the time of her death.

By her first marriage Mrs. Andress had two children. Charles Clary, who is a farmer at Birmingham in Erie County, married Helen Stone, who was a California girl and by the narrowest margin escaped from a house which was destroyed over her head during the San Francisco earthquake and fire; they have two children, Newton A. and Helen A. Myrtle C., the second child of Mrs. Andress, died at the age of forty-one on October 3, 1913, leaving by her marriage to Thomas Elson a daughter named Marie, who lives with her father in Berlin Heights.

Mrs. Andress is the daughter of Joseph S. and Melona (Masters) King. They were both natives of Connecticut and when young people came to Erie County and were married in Florence Township, where they began life as farmers, and where her father died at the age of eighty-two. He possessed a remarkable vigor of mind and body which was maintained well up to the close of his life. His wife died at the age of sixty-one. Mrs. Ella A. Andress is a member of the Congregational Church, has two affiliations with the Eastern Star at Norwalk and with the Pythian Sisters at Berlin Heights, and through these and other relations maintains her activities in social affairs. She is an active member of the W. C. T. U. and has been connected with many of the important operations of that body.

James C. Brundage. It was more than ninety years ago that the Brundage family established its home within the wilds of the present County of Erie. They were of the finest class of people, God-fearing, industrious, independent, and well fitted for the trials and privations of frontier life. Of such an ancestry honorable in all things is descended James C. Brundage, long one of the prominent citizens of the Berlin Heights Community.

Mr. James C. Brundage himself is a native of Buffalo, New York, where he was born October 28, 1849. His parents were the late Capt. Ebenezer and Lovisa (Alger) Brundage. His father was born at Penn Yan, New York, January 11, 1811, and died at Berlin Heights July 8, 1889. His wife was born in Claverack, New York, January 29, 1818, and died in Berlin Heights August 31, 1887. Captain Brundage was a son of James Brundage, who was born in one of the New England States about 1782. He married Lavina Parson, who was born either in New York State or one of the New England states in 1784. They came of a farming class of people and the families were early identified with the Methodist Church. All the children of James and wife were born in the East. In 1822 the family took passage at Buffalo on a Lake Erie steamer bound for Vermillion, Ohio. Here they sought a home in Vermillion Township and along the lake shore near Ruggles Corners. In the wild woods they constructed a hewed log house, and there began the improvements, traces of which in cultivated fields and fertile farm lands persist even to this day. James Brundage died there May 10, 1855. His widow was subsequently brought to the Village of Berlin Heights by her son, Captain Ebenezer, in 1862, and she died there in 1866. James Brundage and wife were among the most prominent of the early Methodists in this community, and for years he held the office of deacon in the local church. They had the sturdy virtues of the original New England stock of people, always lived frugally and well within their means, reared their children to honest pursuits and made their lives more than ordinarily useful in the new community. Their early

home was one most frequently resorted to by the early Methodist circuit riders, and it can be said of these good people that they carried their religious convictions into their practical everyday life. James Brundage voted the whig ticket in politics.

The late Capt. Ebenezer Brundage was eleven years of age when brought to Erie County. The major part of his activities were as a lake sailor. In 1829 he began his duties before the mast on a schooner under one of the early captains of Lake Erie, and soon proved his skill and proficiency as a boatman. Before he was thirty years of age he was master of the Vermillion, which subsequently was burned at her dock at Huron. He was also captain of the Columbus and the Empire and other boats, some of which were the swiftest and best known vessels in the passenger, mail and freight service on the lake. In 1854 he retired from his profession, and engaged in farming. He improved some first class farm lands along the lake shore, but about 1856 or 1857 moved to the Village of Berlin Heights, and a year or so later bought a farm from Rev. Mr. Demming just south of the village, but now included within the corporation limits. This farm has been continuously in the Brundage name for more than half a century, and is now owned by James C. Brundage. It comprised forty-five acres, and there in 1861 Captain Brundage built a large and comfortable nine-room brick house, which is still standing and in spite of its age one of the best homes in the community. The bricks were burned in Milan Township. Captain Brundage and his wife continued to live there and brought up their family. At one time Captain Brundage owned 130 acres around the old homestead, and 158 acres two miles south. All of it was arable land, and under his management proved very profitable in its yearly production. Captain Brundage possessed a great deal of thrift and enterprise, prospered as a farmer and stock raiser as he had previously made his success as a lake captain. He was one of the ardent exponents of the republican party in his county, and both he and his wife led useful and honored lives. There were only two children born to Captain Brundage and wife. The daughter, Laura Estelle, was born September 27, 1851, and died April 20, 1901. She married Louis Elson, who now lives in Oklahoma, and their daughter, Estella M., graduated from high school and subsequently studied at Chicago and Cleveland.

James C. Brundage's birthplace was on Delaware Avenue in the City of Buffalo, New York. His parents had their home there for several years, but he was still a small child when they returned to Erie County, and he has spent practically all his life and all of his associations are centered around the community at Berlin Heights. He grew up on the farm which he still owns, and received his education in the local schools. He has followed in the footsteps of his father as a farmer, and has one of the most attractive and valuable places near Berlin Heights.

At Norwalk in Huron County he married Miss Inez Hitsman, who was born in Henrietta Township of Lorain County in March, 1848, but was reared and educated in Erie County, and was a successful and popular teacher before her marriage. Her parents were Henry and Harriet (Darby) Hitsman, both natives of Allegany County, New York, her father born in 1815 and her mother in 1819. Her father was of Dutch and her mother of English lineage. They were brought to Lorain County by their respective parents, where the Hitsman and Darby families lived as farmers, and were married at Elyria. After some years as farmers in Lorain County they moved in 1850 to Berlin Township, and subsequently lived within the village limits of Berlin Heights. Mr. Hitsman died April 9, 1909. He was an active republican in politics, possessed high ideals as to his civic duties and his Christian rela-

tions with the community. For some years he served as deputy sheriff in Erie County. His widow is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Brundage, and possesses the vigor of a woman much younger. She celebrated her eighty-fifth birthday on December 6, 1914, and still keeps up with current news. She is a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Brundage have no children of their own. They reared a foster child, Ruth Tillinghast, whom they educated at Berlin Heights, and after graduating from the high school in 1907 she attended a business course in Oberlin College, and is now the wife of Eugene Tillotson, and they live in Cleveland. Mr. Brundage is a former trustee and assessor of Berlin Township and is a republican who works consistently for good government both locally and nationally, and exercises considerable influence in his community. He has passed all the chairs and is past chancellor of Lake View Lodge No. 391 of the Knights of Pythias.

Randall L. Bailey. In one of the commodious and comfortable homes that give special character to the Village of Berlin Heights as a residence center resides Mrs. Randall L. Bailey, who has many interesting associations and relationship with the old families of Erie County. The Baileys have been identified with this section of Northern Ohio for the greater part of a century, while Mrs. Bailey's own family, the Hills, have been of equal prominence. Mrs. Bailey's grandfather, David L. Hill, was a soldier throughout the War of 1812, and displayed his patriotism by service in several of the important campaigns in that great second struggle with Great Britain.

The late Randall L. Bailey was born at Vermillion in Erie County, February 27, 1846, and died at his home in Berlin Township, October 30, 1904. His parents were Marvin and Susan A. (Havalick) Bailey. Marvin Bailey was born April 2, 1822, in Huron County, Ohio, and his wife was born at Clinton, Pennsylvania, June 13, 1818. Both died at Kipton in Lorain County, Ohio, the former on May 19, 1899, and the latter in 1906. They were married in Erie County in 1844. Susan A. Havalick's first husband was a brother of Marvin Bailey, and by that union she had several children. Henry, the first of these, was born in Vermillion, Ohio, September 26, 1837, and for many years has lived at New Hampton, Iowa, where he is a prominent citizen and a former member of the Iowa Legislature; he is now living with his second wife; he served throughout the Civil war as a private, was a brave and efficient soldier, and was once wounded in battle, having served with the Twelfth Ohio Regiment in many important battles, among them the mighty struggle at Gettysburg. The second child was Jefferson P. Bailey, who was born October 8, 1839, and died in the State of Oregon, having been twice married and having left children by both wives. Susan J. Bailey, another child of that marriage, was born April 12, 1842, and died at Kipton, Ohio, as the wife of Darius Plumb, leaving two children, and her husband is now married a second time and is living in Perkins Township of Erie County. After Marvin and Susan Bailey were married they located in Vermillion Township and there improved a substantial farm, but later retired to Berlin Heights, and finally moved to Kipton in Lorain County, where they died. They were prominent members of the Primitive Baptist Church, and their home was the center for local preachers and the members of that denomination, and all good people found a ready welcome at their hospitable doors. Marvin Bailey served as a justice of the peace and for many years was familiarly known as Squire Bailey.

The late Randall L. Bailey was the only child born to his parents. He was educated in Vermillion and Florence townships, and became a

well-known business man of the county. He was a stockholder in many local enterprises, owned a large amount of improved farm lands, and maintained the fine home at Berlin Heights where Mrs. Bailey now resides. For a number of years up to the time of his death he owned a large carriage depository at Berlin Heights. He stood high in the public estimation and should be remembered as the first mayor of the Town of Berlin Heights, and was also active in the Knights of Pythias lodge at that place, filling the various chairs up to chancellor commander. He attended the Congregational Church.

Randall L. Bailey was first married January 12, 1870, to Miss Ella Phelps. She was born in Vermillion, Ohio, April 24, 1853, and her family was one of old settlement in this county. Her only child, Anna L., died at the age of two and a half years.

On July 3, 1887, Randall L. Bailey was married to Miss Myra D. Hill, of Florence Township. Mrs. Bailey was born in Florence Township of Erie County fifty-seven years ago and grew up and received her education in this locality. Her family was of old New York State stock. Her grandfather, David L. Hill, already mentioned, was born in Dutchess County, New York, December 2, 1789, and was in his vigorous young manhood at the time he served in the War of 1812. He died in Florence Township of Erie County when nearly ninety-nine years of age. He grew up in his native county and was married there January 19, 1820, to Miss Phoebe Brundage, who was born in Dutchess County in 1799 and died in Florence Township of Erie County in 1875. She was the mother of four sons and four daughters, all of whom were born in Dutchess County. Among these children was Leonard Hill, father of Mrs. Bailey. Leonard, the youngest but one of the family, was born in New York State, September 29, 1826, and died March 6, 1887. When he was two years of age in 1828 the family came out to Ohio and settled in the wilds of Florence Township, where David L. Hill pre-empted land. He cut down the heavy standing timber and manufactured from it the lumber which entered into his first home, a substantial building which was used for many years as a family habitation and is still in use. David L. Hill secured more than 200 acres of land, and in improving this performed an important share of early pioneer work. David L. Hill and wife were active members of the Methodist Church, and in politics he was first a whig and later a republican. It was in the somewhat primitive environment of the Erie County of eighty years ago that Leonard Hill grew to maturity. He was married May 26, 1849, at Amherst in Lorain County to Diantha Swartwood. She was born in Lorain County, and died in September, 1884. The Swartwoods were early settlers in Lorain County. After his marriage Leonard Hill and wife bought a portion of his father's estate, and developed a home where they spent the rest of their days. They were noble and excellent people, stanch Christians, and his own career was spent as a farmer and stock raiser. He was always a regular voter and supporter of the republican ticket. Leonard Hill and wife had a family of children who are briefly mentioned as follows: Roxanna M., who was born in 1850 and died April 2, 1890, and was a very devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, married Charles Jenkins of Berlin Heights, who is still living with three sons and one daughter. S. Melissa, who was born August 30, 1851, and died October 10, 1912, was married December 30, 1869, to James Jarrett, a native of England, and they lived on a farm in Florence Township, she being survived by a son, Albert E. Harlow L., who was born in Florence Township and reared there, is now a farmer, and by his marriage to Amanda Bingham, daughter of John Bingham, has two sons, Frank and Earl.

Mrs. Bailey, who was the youngest of the children in her father's family, was born on the old homestead in Florence Township, and lived

there until her marriage, in the meantime securing a good education from the public schools. Since her marriage she has lived in the fine home of ten rooms at Berlin Heights. She has in many ways contributed her influence and useful service to the social life of the community, and is a great lover of nature and of all things beautiful and good. She supports and attends the Congregational Church, and is an active worker in the Pythian Sisters organization at Berlin Heights.

George W. Hine. For more than a quarter of a century Doctor Hine has quietly and efficiently performed his duties as a physician and surgeon in the community of Berlin Heights. There is no profession which presents greater opportunities for usefulness to humanity than that of medicine, and Doctor Hine is recognized as one of the members of the fraternity who has accepted every opportunity for faithful performance of duty, and through his large practice has gained an esteem which is not less satisfying than the other material accompaniments of a successful career. Doctor Hine represents a family which has been identified with Erie County for almost a century, and during his early youth graduated from the Berlin High School and graduated M. D. from the Western Reserve Medical College at Cleveland with the class of 1888. He at once returned to his home village and has been in practice there for more than twenty-six years.

George W. Hine was born in Berlin Township of Erie County, May 6, 1858. His grandparents were Amos and Polly (Allen) Hine, both of whom were natives of Milford, Connecticut, and of old New England stock. Immediately after their marriage they came west and made the long journey overland with ox teams and wagons and finally arrived in Erie County. Two years previously, in 1816, Amos Hine had come out to this section of Ohio and had located a tract of "fire land" in Berlin Township, about a mile and a quarter from the present Village of Berlin Heights and on what is now the Berlin and Huron Road. There he built a log cabin in the midst of the wilderness and made a clearing which would serve for his first crop. After these improvements he returned with his yoke of oxen to Connecticut and was married in 1818 and in the same year brought his bride to the pioneer home. Erie County was at that time, nearly a century ago, one vast game preserve. Amos Hine became known in the community as the Daniel Boone of the county because of his prowess as a hunter. He was a skilled marksman, and it is said that he killed more deer than all the other hunters in the county put together. One night his faithful dogs treed two bears at midnight, and he got up and killed them. At another time, without moving from a single spot he had chosen, he shot three deer. For a hunter of his skill it was not difficult to keep the family larder well supplied with all kinds of wild game. He was likewise vigorous in developing his land, and had about 326 acres under his ownership and most of it in cultivation. He also planted a large apple orchard, one of the first in that section, and his trees yielded fruit for many years. He was a man of varied enterprise and furnished an important service to the community through the mill which he built on the east branch of the Old Woman Creek, which empties into Lake Erie. This was a sawmill, and was the first in that section of Erie County. Besides sawing a great deal of lumber for the people in that section, he also made the lumber which went into the construction of his substantial brick home, erected nearly eighty years ago. The brick was burned on his own place. In that home Amos and Polly Hine spent the rest of their active lives. He died in 1855 or 1856, when about threescore years of age. His widow subsequently lived in Milan Township and died there in 1883. She was born about 1800. Both were good Christian people, and they helped build up the first Presbyterian and Baptist

churches at Berlin Heights, and gave liberally to religious causes of all denominations, though their own faith was that of the Presbyterian Church. Amos Hine was a whig in politics.

Amos Hine had three children. Their names were Lorenzo, Allen and Mary, all of whom married and all had children except Allen.

Lorenzo Hine, the father of Doctor Hine, was the first child of the family, born in the new home in Berlin Township. His birth occurred in 1819, and he grew up with the environment of a new county. After his marriage he secured 126 acres of the old homestead, and lived there and improved a fine farm. His life was spent in general farming, and he died there June 22, 1872. He was a republican in politics, and made himself a factor in the improvement of the locality, particularly roads, and his fellow citizens kept him in the office of road supervisor for many years. He succeeded to the ownership of the sawmill originally established by his father, and kept it running for many years.

Lorenzo Hine was married in Berlin Township to Nancy Williams, who was born in the same township February 29, 1828, and died in January, 1912. Lorenzo and his wife were people of the highest character and most excellent neighbors, but were not members of any church and held to no creed. Two of their children died young, while four grew up and two are still living. Doctor Hine was the third of the four that reached mature years. Norman died at the age of fifty, leaving two children. Sarah died after her marriage to John Engleby, who is also deceased. Doctor Hine has a sister, Mary, who is living in Berlin Heights and has five children.

Doctor Hine was married in Berlin Township to Miss Gertrude Clark. She was born on the shore of Lake Erie forty-seven years ago, and was educated in local public schools. Her parents were Peltiah T. and Helen (Henderson) Clark, both of whom are still living and have their home in Berlin Heights. They own a fine farm, and have spent practically all their lives in Berlin Township and are still active in spite of advanced years, her father being seventy-seven and her mother seventy-three. They support and attend church and have been active in building up the community. Mrs. Hine's father owns two good farms, both of which represent his own thrifty enterprise. For a man who was orphaned when twelve years of age he has accomplished a great deal, his parents, John and Azena Clark, having died in Berlin Township.

Doctor and Mrs. Hine have one son, Lorenzo Clark Hine, who was born September 10, 1890, the anniversary of Perry's victory on Lake Erie. Lorenzo C. graduated from the Berlin High School, and since the age of fifteen and a half years has been pursuing a career as a banker. He has held the offices of cashier and teller in the banks at Berlin Heights and Lodi, and at the present time is connected with the bank at the latter town. Lorenzo married Mabel Rummell of Berlin Heights, where she was reared and educated, and they have a daughter, Elizabeth Helen, born July 3, 1914.

Doctor Hine was first married in 1883 to Miss Edith M. Ruggles of Vermillion Township, a well-educated lady and of a prominent family of that township, where she was born on the old Ruggles homestead in 1863, daughter of Richard Ruggles, an early settler and the owner of an extensive landed property situated along the lake shore. Doctor Hine enjoyed the companionship of his first wife only about two years, and she died December 26, 1885, without children.

Doctor Hine is one of the older Masons of Erie County. He has been a member of the Blue Lodge since 1880, and is also affiliated with the Knights Templar Commandery at Norwalk. He is a member of Berlin Heights Lodge No. 391 of the Knights of Pythias, in which he is past chancellor, and Mrs. Hine is past chief of Berlin Temple No. 298 of the

Pythian Sisters. Both the doctor and his wife are people who are always ready to work for the good of their community, and their home on South Street, a comfortable nine-room residence, is one of the centers of social activities in the village.

Samuel Patterson. Berlin Township had few men who more justly deserve the kindly memory of the present generation than the late Samuel Patterson. He was a distinctive factor in business affairs of Berlin Heights, and had a reputation far beyond local limits as a scholar and a man of conspicuous judgment and of broad humanitarian principles. It is the main purpose of this article to give some account of his family, his individual career and his more important activities and attainments.

Samuel Patterson was born in Maryland, March 20, 1828, a son of Robert and Anna (Stahl) Patterson. His father was born in Ireland but of Scotch ancestry, and came to this country early in the last century on a sailing vessel. He located in Maryland, where he married Miss Stahl, and while living there some of their children were born, including the late Samuel Patterson. In 1833, when the latter was five years of age, the family made the long journey across the country with teams and wagons, since there were of course no railroads, and finally came to a pause in the wilderness of Darke County, Ohio, within a few miles of the present City of Greenville, which was then hardly deserving the name of village. Robert Patterson secured an entire section of land in that part of Western Ohio, and the deed to it was signed by Andrew Jackson, then President of the United States. Its first improvement was a log cabin, and almost immediately he became recognized as a force in the community. Near his first home he constructed a house which was devoted to school purposes. He was a man of high ideals, and was always ready to sacrifice and work for community welfare. Robert Patterson improved his large farm, and gave each of the four children who came to maturity sufficient land to make a farm. These children were: John, Esther, Mary Jane and Samuel, while another son, Michael, died in childhood. The four children mentioned grew up and married, but all are now deceased. Robert Patterson and his wife both died in Darke County, Ohio, he when not yet sixty years of age and she a little past fifty. Both were faithful and active members of the Presbyterian Church, in which faith they had been reared.

The late John Patterson, though his early life was spent in a community which on the whole was quite devoid of those opportunities for culture which can now be found in almost any locality of Ohio, was reared in a home of distinctively high ideals and ripened and matured his intellectual endowments by long courses of self study. For a time he attended an academy at Dayton, but found most of his education through his own library and his wide and intimate knowledge of men and affairs. It is said there was no better read man in the State of Ohio. His knowledge and study of philosophical literature was thorough, and his writings on a wide variety of subjects attracted such attention that he became known in the field of authorship beyond the limits of his home state. His library was a house full of well-read books, and there was probably no better private collection in Northern Ohio. His scholarship brought him many friends among the learned class, and among them was the librarian of the Congressional Library at Washington, who at one time pronounced Mr. Patterson to be the ripest scholar in Northern Ohio, and who frequently spent much time in the Patterson home.

The late Samuel Patterson likewise grew up in Western Ohio and possessed many of the scholarly traits of his brother. He was first married in Darke County to Miss Martha Frampton, who was born in that county in 1834, of German and English parents, who were early settlers

in Darke County and spent the rest of their lives there, where they exercised a prominent influence in all local matters, particularly schools and education. In Darke County two sons were born to Samuel Patterson and wife, Michael and James. About the beginning of the Civil war Samuel Patterson brought his family to Berlin Heights in Erie County, and bought land near that village. In 1865 he organized a co-operative company for manufacturing purposes. He conducted this on a co-operative plan, and the results were very successful, but it was finally organized as a stock company, which developed a valuable plant. This business is still in existence and is known as the Berlin Fruit Box Company, and for the last few years has been ably managed by Lucius D. Van Benschoten and Guy E. Sturtevant, the former a grandson and the latter the husband of a granddaughter of the late Samuel Patterson. Mr. Samuel Patterson, Job Stahl, Andrew Moore, Zachariah Snook and others were among the pioneers in the fruit growing industry, which has become one of the principal industries of the eastern section of Erie County, Ohio.

Samuel Patterson died at his home in Berlin Heights, March 21, 1899, at the age of seventy-one. Samuel Patterson was notable for the independence of his character and a vigorous determination to carry out those plans which originated from his mature and well-considered ideas. He was also independent in religious matters, likewise in politics. He was a forceful writer, and many articles came from his pen that attracted the attention of scholars.

Dr. Michael Patterson, the oldest son of the late Samuel Patterson, is now a prominent physician in Iowa and has a family of children. Dr. James, the second son, died at Norwalk, Ohio, about twenty-five years ago, leaving children. Albert is still unmarried and a resident of Berlin Heights.

Serena Patterson, the only daughter of the late Samuel Patterson, was born and reared and educated at Berlin Heights, and is now living there in comfort in a fine home, surrounded by a little fruit farm comprising about two acres, all situated within the village limits. Miss Serena Patterson married Leman Smith Van Benschoten, who for many years was a leading and prominent man of affairs of Berlin Heights, and was associated with Samuel Patterson in the box industry. Mr. Van Benschoten was born in Orland, Indiana, February 26, 1860, came to Erie County when sixteen years of age, and died in 1899. Mrs. Van Benschoten is the mother of three children. Marlie, who graduated from the Berlin Heights High School and was trained as a kindergarten teacher at Oberlin, married Guy E. Sturtevant, and they have two children, Laura and John Van. Linna, the second daughter, is the wife of August L. Bechtel of Cleveland, where he is manager of the Cleveland Punch and Shear Company, and they have a daughter, Ruth L. Lucius Daniel is president of the Berlin Heights Fruit Box Company, and a very successful young business man, and by his marriage to Miss Ada Jenkins, a well-educated Berlin woman and former teacher, has two daughters, Mary Jane and Martha Ada.

Guy C. Sturtevant. Some mention has been made in the preceding sketch of the late Samuel Patterson of the Berlin Heights Box Company, manufacturers of fruit, berry and vegetable packages. Fifty years ago in 1865 Samuel Patterson established at Berlin Heights a sorghum mill on a co-operative basis. About 1867 they began making fruit packages, and in time this became the important feature of the business. In 1885 the business was incorporated by Samuel Patterson, Luther L. Van Benschoten and others, and at the present time the business is under the active management of Guy C. Sturtevant and Lucius Van Benschoten,

the latter a grandson of Samuel Patterson and the former the husband of a granddaughter of the original founder of the concern. From the manufacturing of fruit packages another department was added for the making of apiary supplies. In the early days prior to 1885 the prices for such goods were just about double the prices maintained on the present schedule.

Since 1885 the capital stock of the company has been $10,000, all paid in. It is one of the most flourishing industries of Berlin Township. The success of the business is largely due to the high standard always maintained and the output of the plant is recognized as reaching the highest mark of superior quality. Particularly is this true of the quart measure for berry boxes, which among the trade is considered par excellence. While a large part of the output goes to the local fruit growers, the packages are sold practically over the entire territory east of the Mississippi and north of Mason and Dixon's Line. Particularly under the present management during the last five or six years the business has grown and increased rapidly. About forty persons find employment in the plant and the latest machinery has been installed in all departments of the manufacture.

Guy C. Sturtevant, a vigorous young business man now thirty-six years of age, was born at Brownhelm in Lorain County, Ohio, but was reared and educated at Berlin Heights. His first employment was in a clerical capacity and he was thus engaged in Cleveland for ten years, after which he returned to Berlin Heights and took charge of the office and the sales management of the Berlin Heights Box Company.

Mr. Sturtevant is a factor in other business affairs at Berlin Heights. Three years ago he and Arthur W. Clinger established a printing plant and also the Berlin Call newspaper, and have made this a prosperous concern. Mr. Sturtevant is one of the editors of the Call.

Mr. Sturtevant married Miss Marlie Van Benschoten, daughter of Leman and Serena Van Benschoten. Her father was one of the leading business men of Berlin Heights, and was associated actively with the late Samuel Patterson in establishing the fruit box company. Mrs. Sturtevant's mother is still living in Berlin Heights. Mr. and Mrs. Sturtevant have two children: Laura and John, both of whom are attending school. Mr. Sturtevant is a member of the Blue Lodge of Masons, Marks Lodge No. 359, A. F. & A. M., and has also filled the different chairs in the local lodge of Knights of Pythias. In politics he is independent.

Edwin A. Penny. The record of years well lived, with a creditable performance of all those duties which come to a man of high principles and integrity of character, was that of the late Edwin A. Penny, whose career was for many years identified with Berlin Township. Mrs. Jane M. Penny is still living and occupies the old homestead in Berlin Township. She is a woman of remarkable activities and lovely character, and few women grow old so gracefully as Mrs. Penny.

The late Edwin A. Penny was born near Maumee, Ohio, January 28, 1834, and died at his home in Berlin Township, a mile east of the Village of Berlin Heights, August 4, 1883, being at that time in his forty-ninth year. His ancestry was English, but his parents, Asher and Caroline E. (Bacon) Penny, were natives of Long Island, New York. A few years after their marriage they came west and located near Perrysburg, Ohio, and were pioneer farmers in that vicinity. Asher Penny died there in 1842 at the age of thirty-six. A short time before his death he had come to Erie County and bought seventy-three acres east of Ogontz in Berlin Township. His death threw upon his widow the responsibilities of a family of six children, the last of whom was born after its father's death, and they had also lost one child before

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L. C. Meyers.

the husband's demise. With this large household she came to the nearly new farm in Erie County, and there did such a part in the rearing and training of her children and providing for their needs as to constitute her one of the noblest of pioneer women. She looked after the management of the farm, improved and cultivated it, and in all things her life was so exemplary and fruitful of good that her memory was a blessing to her children. She subsequently went to Amherst in Lorain County, and died there a few years later at the age of seventy-eight. She was a member of the Congregational Church. Edwin A. Penny was the third in the family of seven children. Only two are now living. Edgar, a farmer in Berlin Township, first married Martha L. Gibson, who died leaving him one son, and his present wife was the widow of Doctor Lockwood of Birmingham, Ohio. The other living member of this generation is Ann, wife of John Cook of Charlotte Courthouse, Virginia, and they have three living children.

When he came to Erie County with his mother, Edwin A. Penny was still a small boy and he grew up in Berlin Township and early became acquainted with the responsibilities and duties of the farm. After his marriage he acquired ninety-six acres of farm land, and in the subsequent years did much to develop it, particularly as a fruit farm. He left this place to Mrs. Penny, who has shown equally good judgment in its management and has derived a considerable revenue from her crops and stock. She has a substantial though old-time home and good barns and other improvements.

On April 4, 1861, at Berlin Heights Edwin A. Penny married Jane M. Baker. She was born in Tioga County, New York, November 26, 1831, and when about two years of age came with her parents, Philip S. and Hannah (Pearl) Baker to Berlin Township. The family located in the south-eastern part of the township and their first home there was a log cabin and they met and endured practically all the experiences of pioneer farming. Her father was noted as a nimrod and trapper, and he accommodated his early pursuits and the work of his farm to this favorite pursuit. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Penny, in 1880, being then in advanced years. He was born in 1793 and saw some active and hard service as a soldier in the War of 1812. His wife had passed away in 1849. Mrs. Penny was one of four sons and four daughters who grew to maturity, and all of whom married. One of her brothers, Oscar F., recently died at the age of eighty-five, and William W. and Amanda also lived to old age, as did her younger brother, John D., who died at seventy-seven. Mrs. Penny has two sisters, Mrs. Mary E. Davis and Mrs. Laura P. Close, still living in Erie County.

Without children of her own, Mrs. Penny adopted her niece, Della Baker Penny, who was born November 8, 1872, and was reared and educated in the home of her foster mother. She first married Sanford L. McKnight, and her two children by that marriage are William Warren and John R., both students in the local schools. Her second husband is Burton O. Wikel, a son of Adam Wikel, a well known and prosperous citizen of Berlin Township.

Louis C. Meyers. No survey of the work and progress of Erie County would be complete without some description of the typical and representative rural homes found scattered over this block of Ohio territory stretching back from the Lake Erie shore. Special interest attaches to the Meyers farm in Berlin Township near the Village of Berlin Heights not only for its improvements and products but also because it represents the thrifty enterprise of Mr. and Mrs. Meyers, who started out as young people after their marriage to make a success as farmers and have given a most creditable account of their endeavors.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyers have lived on their present farm for the past twenty-nine years. It comprises seventy-eight acres, and a large part of it is devoted to fruits. He has three acres in apples, fifteen acres in peaches, two acres in cherries and plums, and two acres of grapes. Mr. Meyers himself put out all the fruit trees since he took possession of the land, and as a result of study and experience developed a reputation as one of the ablest fruit growers of the county. His orchards show the result of careful and methodical maintenance. His orchards stretch along sandy ridges, and in quality and flavor the fruit from this farm grade up to some of the highest standards expected of North Ohio horticultural products. Besides his fruit crops Mr. Meyers cultivates his land to corn, oats and wheat and has found a great deal of profit in sheep husbandry. He keeps about a hundred head of Delaine sheep, and about fifty head of hogs, horses and cattle. His farm also attracts attention by reason of its location, and has been given the most appropriate name of Pleasant View Farm. He has constructed a group of substantial building improvements, including one barn 66x30 feet, a horse barn 26x36 feet, a sheep shed 16x24, and two other sheds, one 16x26 and the other 14x20. From the midst of these buildings and with the attractive environments of shade trees and orchards rises the large and commodious ten-room house, which Mr. Meyers built in 1899.

Louis C. Meyers was born in Florence Township of Erie County August 9, 1862, and was educated in that and in Berlin Township, and prior to his marriage was a popular young teacher in the country districts. The results of his achievements since he was married are well measured by the fine homestead above described, and which was bought and paid for by the well directed efforts and close co-operation of himself and Mrs. Meyers. His parents were Joseph and Elizabeth (Hum) Meyers, both of whom were born in Switzerland, the former in 1833 and the latter in 1840. They were still young people when they came to America, Joseph Meyers coming with the Hum family. They embarked on a sailing vessel and after seven weeks landed in New York, journeyed on west to Cleveland, where they arrived on Christmas day, and soon penetrated into the back country in Florence Township. Soon afterward Joseph Meyers and Jacob Hum, a brother of Mrs. Meyers, started out to find work, and his first regular employment paid him ten dollars a month. He later followed the trade of mechanic and carpenter which he learned in Switzerland. After returning to Florence Township he married and soon after that the Civil war broke out. In the early part of 1862 he enlisted in the 107th Ohio Infantry in Company H and was in active campaigns at the front nearly four years. At the expiration of three years he had veteranized, and his record as a faithful soldier is one that will always be prized by his descendants. During a greater part of the time he was under Gen. Phil Sheridan. He escaped without wounds or capture, and the worst hardship he had to endure was an illness from typhoid fever. With the close of the war he located on a small farm, which he later sold and bought eighty acres, and then sold that and purchased 126 acres. His farms were in Florence Township, excepting the last mentioned, which was located in Berlin Township. Joseph Meyers died at the age of seventy-two. His wife passed away when not yet fifty-six years of age. Her father had married his second wife back in Switzerland, and he died after the death of his daughter, Mrs. Meyers. Both families were members of the German Reformed Church. Louis C. Meyers was the only son and the oldest of the four children. His sister Emma died while still a young girl, his sister Della died in young womanhood, and Elizabeth, the youngest, is the wife of P. J. Phillips, and they now occupy the old Meyers homestead in Berlin Township.

On October 20, 1887, Louis C. Meyers married Miss Nina Sherman, who was born in Ottawa County, Michigan, on the Grand River on November 30, 1863. As a child she was left an orphan and was reared as the adopted daughter of Dr. Adna Sherman and wife, both of whom are now deceased, her foster father having died in Idaho and her mother at the home of Mrs. Meyers. Mr. and Mrs. Meyers have one son: Leroy J., who was born September 15, 1888, completed his education in the Berlin Heights High School, is now a prospering young farmer and fruit grower at Ogontz, and by his marriage to Minnie Heckelman of Milan Township has a son, Louis C., Jr., who was born April 21, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Meyers and family attend the churches at Berlin Heights, but have no regular membership therewith. Mr. Meyers and his son are democrats in their national party affiliations.

Max C. Krueger. Erie County like so many other sections of the Union owes a great debt to the thrifty German people who at different times in the past century have settled within its borders. The people of this nationality brought with them their thrift and industry, and have done much to shape the destinies of many new countries, have proved their loyalty both in peace and in war, and in every branch of human endeavor and human achievement have made compensation to the land of their adoption. One of this fine class of people, himself a native of Germany, but since childhood a resident of Erie County, is Max C. Krueger, a general farmer, stock raiser and fruit grower, whose home is on Rural Route No. 1, a mile east of the Village of Berlin Heights.

His farm comprises 106 acres, nine acres of which is set in orchard, apples, peaches and other fruits, and in horticulture as in every other branch of his undertakings succeeded beyond the ordinary. He has his farm well stocked with sheep, hogs, cattle and horses, and grows abundant crops of wheat, corn, oats, potatoes and cabbage. His home is a comfortable eight-room house, and his feed and stock barns are well adapted for his purposes. Mr. Krueger bought this farm in 1906. He formerly lived for several years on the John C. Moats Farm in Berlin Township, also lived in Huron County, and also occupied the Chestnut Hill Farm, better known now as the A. M. Woolson Farm.

Max C. Krueger was born in Mecklinburg, Germany, October 14, 1862, a son of Charles and Elizabeth Krueger. His father was born in Prussia and his mother in Mecklinburg, her father being a harness maker. After their marriage Charles Krueger had to gain his livelihood as best he could by general work. While still living in Germany three children were born: Anna, Max C. and Albert and seven were born in America. In order to provide for the necessities of a growing household Charles Krueger in 1865 borrowed money and set out to secure the opportunities and advantages of the New World. Leaving Hamburg, the voyage was one of two weeks duration to Castle Garden, New York, and thence they came west to Buffalo, and a few months later down Lake Erie to Sandusky. Charles Krueger arriving in that city found employment in the Jones Stone Quarry. By hard work and close economy he saved the capital which eventually enabled him to buy the quarry, and he operated it until two years before his death. He then sold out, invested in some valuable property at Sandusky, and at his death in June, 1909, the value of his estate was estimated at $20,000. He would have been seventy-four years of age on the 25th of July following his death. He was in many ways a remarkable man, and a fine example of the poor German emigrant who came to this country with practically nothing and lived to enjoy prosperity to a greater degree than most of his neighbors. His wife had preceded him in death two years, and was seventy-one years of age. They were for many years members of St.

Stephen's Lutheran Church at Sandusky, and he was one of the liberal contributors to its support. In national politics he was a democrat.

While the practical business achievements of the late Charles Krueger lent him distinction, he and his wife were even more fortunate in their fine family of children. After they came to this country and while living at Sandusky the children born to them were named Mary, Charles, William, Elizabeth, Emma, Frank and Julia. All these children and the three born in Germany are still living, are all married and all have families of their own, and they are well situated above the level of average prosperity, and each and every one a credit to themselves and the community in which they live. It well illustrates the fair and methodical manner in which the late Charles Krueger was wont to arrange all his affairs when it was found that his estate was so adjusted that after his death it required an expense of only five dollars to administer it and divide it among his natural heirs.

Max C. Krueger by his own accomplishments has contributed to the creditable record of his family. He lived at home in Sandusky, obtained a common school education, and while gaining success his entire career has been passed in such friendly relations with his neighbors and friends that he has never been engaged in a law suit. He was married at Sandusky to Miss Clara Weichel. She was born near Sandusky November 15, 1867, and grew up in that vicinity. She has proved herself the capable wife of a capable farmer and citizen. Her parents were Henry and Louisa (Bauer) Weichel. Her father was born in Erie County of German parents, and the mother was born in Germany and came to Erie County with her parents when young. Her grandparents on both the Weichel and Bauer side lived to advanced years in the vicinity of Sandusky. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Krueger attend the Congregational Church at Berlin Heights, and Mr. Krueger's sons are independent democrats in politics.

There are four sons who comprise the family of Mr. and Mrs. Krueger, and each has done something to show the promise of usefulness and honor as workers in the world. Everett H., the oldest, now twenty-six years of age, graduated from the Berlin Heights High School in 1904 and from the Cleveland Law School at Berea in 1912, was admitted to the bar the same year, and is now practicing at Cleveland with the firm Reed, Eichelberger & Nord. Earl C., the second son, graduated from high school in 1908 and from the Cincinnati Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1914, and is now in practice with George C. Steinemann at Sandusky. The one daughter of the family is Hilda C., who graduated from high school in 1909, took a special course at Oberlin College, and is now secretary of the Eddy Road Hospital in Cleveland. Clarence M., who graduated from the Berlin Heights High School in 1912, has since given his active attention to farm management with his father. Lee J. is a graduate of the high school at Berlin Heights and still living at home. The sons are all members of the Young People's Literary Society, a general improvement society which was incorporated by Everett Krueger, the oldest son, and others, seven years ago, and this society, which now has a limited membership of forty, with a large waiting list, has proved a factor of great benefit to Berlin Heights and vicinity.

Job M. Stahl. A citizen who stood for many of the things most useful and best esteemed in community life was the late Job M. Stahl, who died at his home in Berlin Township in the Village of Berlin Heights on February 12, 1892. Mr. Stahl was a practical farmer and had lived for many years in Berlin Township. He left a fine fruit and

general farm, where Mrs. Stahl still resides. Though herself in advanced years, Mrs. Stahl is a woman of remarkable activity and not only capably manages her business affairs but has many interests of an intellectual and social nature to employ her time and energies. For several years after the death of her husband Mrs. Stahl was in the Government service as a matron at Indian schools in New Mexico.

The late Job M. Stahl was born at Bedford, Pennsylvania, June 6, 1819, a son of Henry and Rachel (Mann) Stahl. Both parents were natives of Pennsylvania, his father born February 23, 1778, and his mother on March 20, 1777. His father died in Darke County, Ohio, on the Miami River, August 15, 1825, and his mother passed away in the same county January 27, 1859. They were married June 26, 1805, in Pennsylvania, and were among the pioneer settlers in Western Ohio, having located in the wild woods along the Miami River as early as 1821. That was a day preceding not only railroads but canals, and they came by the usual means of transportation, with wagons and teams across the country from Pennsylvania. The wife and mother rode horseback all the way, and carried her youngest child in her arms, this child being the late Job M. Stahl. They lived the life of pioneers, had a log cabin their first residence, and before he died Henry Stahl did a considerable work in clearing off the woods and improving the soil for cultivation. They were honest and wholesome people, and well fitted to bring civilization into a new country. One of Job M. Stahl's uncles, Job Mann, was for eight years a congressman, representing the district including Bedford, Pennsylvania.

The late Mr. Stahl was the seventh child and the youngest in the family to be born in Pennsylvania, but there were four younger children who came into the world in Darke County, Ohio. All but one of these children lived to grow up, Anna having died in 1822 at the age of five. Franklin died in 1848 and Ezra in 1842, both unmarried. All the others married and left descendants, and are themselves now passed on to the other world.

It was a typical pioneer environment, in the beautiful country of the Miami Valley, that Job M. Stahl spent his childhood and youth, and arrived at manhood with a good store of experience received by the rugged training offered in the cultivation and improvement of a frontier farm. He was well educated according to the standards of the time, and for several years taught school in winter terms and followed agriculture in the summer. This was his active vocation for a period of about fourteen years.

It was in 1861 that Mr. Stahl came to Berlin Heights, where in the fall of that year he married Ellen Lesley. Mrs. Stahl was born in Randolph County, Indiana, October 28, 1837, and was reared and educated in that section of Eastern Indiana. Her parents were David and Hannah (Parker) Lesley. Her father was born in Pennsylvania in April, 1800, and her mother in one of the New England states on February 21, 1806. They first became acquainted with each other and were married in Randolph County, Indiana. David Lesley had come to that county in 1816 with his parents, Peter and Christina (Karnes) Lesley. Peter Lesley was born in Pennsylvania, and his wife was a native of Switzerland, having come when a child to America, and they were married in Pennsylvania. Peter and wife died in Randolph County, Indiana, when about eighty-four years of age. Hannah Parker, the mother of Mrs. Stahl, was the daughter of Reuben and Sarah (Williams) Parker. This is a family with some noteworthy associations with American frontier history. Reuben Parker, the place of whose birth has not been accurately determined, was captured by the Indians when seven

years of age, somewhere in the vicinity of Northern Ohio not far from Cleveland. He was kept by the Indians for seven years, at the end of which time he escaped. One of his brothers was killed at the same time, and an aunt was taken prisoner with her baby, the latter being killed by the savages because of its persistent crying. Reuben Parker and wife after their marriage spent their last years south of Indianapolis. After David Lesley and Hannah Parker were married they located on a farm in Randolph County, Indiana, and there he passed away at the age of ninety years ten months, having been born in 1800, and his wife died in 1890, her birth having occurred in February, 1806. Mrs. Stahl has a brother, John Lesley, who was eighty-nine years of age in June, 1915, and is now living in the State of California. Her sister Susan, the widow of Henry Johnson, lives in Richmond, Indiana, and is seventy-five years old.

In the fall of 1861 following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Stahl located on a farm in Berlin Township a half mile east of the Village of Berlin Heights. He set industriously about the improvement of forty acres, and for many years was successfully engaged in general farming and fruit growing. He developed an orchard of five acres in apples, five acres in pears, two acres in peaches and four acres of grapes, erected excellent farm buildings, and also the comfortable ten-room house, with all the conveniences for modern living, which is now occupied by Mrs. Stahl. Mrs. Stahl has shown executive ability in managing this estate since the death of her husband. The late Mr. Stahl, while acquiring material prosperity did not withhold his active influence from all public spirited movements in the community, and not only lived uprightly himself but influenced others in the same straight and narrow way. Politically he was an independent republican.

While Mrs. Stahl is a woman of independent mind and character, she finds great comfort in her children, of whom she has four. The oldest was Dorothy, who was liberally educated and is a graduate of Oberlin College. She married Rev. Gordon Birlew, who was a well known missionary among the Mexican people under the auspices of the Congregational Church, and died while in the prime of his activity. Since his death Mrs. Birlew has taken up the study of osteopathy, and now enjoys a large practice in that profession at Pasadena, California, where she lives with her son Paul, who recently graduated from the high school at Pasadena. Lesley D., the second child of Mr. and Mrs. Stahl, was born in 1864 and died in 1884 when a student at Oberlin College. Spencer N., born June 25, 1867, was also educated at Oberlin, and died at his home in Berlin Township at the age of twenty-seven, leaving a wife, whose maiden name was Allie Kilburn, and a daughter Mabel, both of whom are now deceased. Daisy, the youngest child, was born July 14, 1869, was liberally educated, and is the wife of Moses Jenkins, a plumber at Berlin Heights. They have two children: Lesley S., now twenty-three years of age, a graduate in chemistry and science from the University of Ohio at Columbus, and now connected with an aluminum manufacturing plant at St. Louis; and Clyde Jenkins, who was born February 20, 1897, and in 1915 graduated from the Berlin Heights High School.

Robert J. Humm. A thrifty representative farmer in the fine agricultural community surrounding Berlin Heights, Robert J. Humm owns several of the most notable farms in that community. One is the place of his own residence, and the other is the old homestead where he was born and where his father lived for many years. They are not far apart, and his father's farm comprises ninety-one and a half acres in

its original form, in addition to seventy-six acres know as the Woods Place, and 100 acres known as the Pearl Farm. Mr. Humm's farm where he himself lives comprises eighty acres. All these farms have improvement, and equipment of the most modern type, the soil is well drained and well cultivated, and on each place is an individual group of farm buildings, and also a large amount of fruit. Altogether Mr. Humm has about ten acres of grapes, 2,300 peach trees and 600 pear trees, and fruit growing is an important source of his total revenues. He keeps good grades of live stock, and for a number of years has been one of the wool growers of Berlin Township. It was on his father's old homestead above mentioned that Robert J. Humm was born June 8, 1874, and grew up in this community, attended the public schools at Berlin Heights and Florence, and as a result of early training entered manhood as a practical farmer and has never departed from the ways and training of his youth.

His parents were Robert and Martha (Reer) Humm. His father was born in Canton Aargau, Switzerland, in 1845, and his mother in Germany in 1849. They were brought by their respective parents to the United States and each was at that time nine years of age. Robert Humm was a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Worley) Humm, and his mother died in Switzerland. Jacob married a second wife before setting out with his family for America in 1834. They arrived in New York City after a voyage by sailing vessel of more than six weeks, went on to Cleveland and later into Erie County, and for some years lived in Milan Township. Subsequently they went to Florence Township in Erie County and bought another farm. There Jacob and his second wife spent their declining years, and he was nearly fourscore when his death occurred, which had been hastened as a result of being kicked by a horse, his leg being broken in two places. They were members of the German Reformed Church. Robert Humm grew up in Northern Ohio, and in Erie County married Martha Reer. She was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and came to the United States and to Erie County with her parents, Emanuel and Elizabeth Reer, both of whom were natives of Germany. Her parents lived on a farm in Berlin Township until they died, when about fifty-nine years of age. After the marriage of Robert Humm they began their careers as people in humble circumstances but by the hardest kind of work and many sacrifices for the sake of the future they finally laid the foundation for a prosperity that placed them among the most substantial citizens of Berlin Township. It is a fact deserving of special note that Robert Humm actually saved $1,000 by employment as a farm hand at monthly wages. For five years he was in the employ of Richard Jarrett, one of the prominent citizens of Erie County. With these accumulations he bought ninety-one and a half acres in Berlin Heights, the place already mentioned as owned by his son. He paid $1,000 down, and assumed obligations of $6,000 which by close management and by co-operation between himself and wife was liquidated within ten years. After the farm was all paid for he erected a large barn 35x90 feet and put up a substantial dwelling house, of ten rooms. Thus surrounded with the comforts and improvements which represented their own labor they spent their last years in peace, and died on the old farm. The mother passed away March 20, 1897, and the father on March 29, 1908. In all that part of Erie County they were esteemed for their honest and sterling worth, and it is the memory of such people that should last longest in the recollections of descendants and friends.

The only son of these industrious and hard working parents, Robert J. Humm has not only profited from prosperity which they accumulated.

but has shown much enterprise and ability in extending and increasing the talents inherited. On January 26, 1899, Mr. Humm was married in Cleveland to Miss Anna C. Keller, who was born in that city July 9, 1874, and received her education in the city schools. Her parents were Jacob and Barbara (Karcher) Keller, both natives of Germany. Her father was born in Rhinepfaltz in 1846 and died in Cleveland, Ohio, February 6, 1906. The mother was born January 13, 1848. They were married in Germany in 1867 and while living there their son Henry G. was born April 3, 1869. In August following his birth the family emigrated to New York, went on to Cleveland, and in that city Jacob Keller followed his trade of cabinet maker and joiner until his death. He was a skilled workman. His widow is still living in Cleveland. She is a member of the Evangelical Church and her husband was a republican.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Humm were born three children: Karl F., on April 25, 1903, and now a student in the public schools; Dorothea M., on August 20, 1904, and now in grade schools; and Martha Barbara, on April 22, 1912.

John H. Poyer. Some of the lines of relationship of the late John H. Power were established in this part of Northern Ohio almost a century ago. John H. Poyer himself was a splendid type of the substantial farmer citizen, was a man of intrinsic patriotism and held a commission in the Union army during the Civil war, and it is only a proper tribute to his memory that the following sketch should be introduced into this history of Erie County.

The Poyer home comprises 100 acres on the state road in Berlin Township, where Mrs. Poyer is still living. It was there that John H. Poyer passed away January 16, 1905. He was born in Vermillion Township of Erie County, March 2, 1837, a son of Tilly and Mary (Curtis) Poyer. His father was born in Ontario County, New York, and came to Erie County with his parents. The mother was born in the State of New Jersey and also came to Ohio with her parents, the Curtises having settled in Vermilion Township as early as 1816. Tilly Poyer married for his first wife Mary Houck, who died in the prime of life, leaving two daughters, both of whom married and are now deceased. The story of early pioneer life applies to the families of Poyer, Van Houghton, Houck and Curtis, representatives of all of whom came here when there were few clearings in the wilderness, and their early labors have helped to bring about the conditions their descendants enjoy. After Tilly Poyer was married he became a farmer on the large estate, and his wife, Mary Curtis Poyer, died there about middle age, leaving five children. After her death he married Margaret Van Houghton of Vermillion Township. She became the mother of twins, who died as infants, and a son that married and died about four years ago. This third wife survived Tilly Poyer, who passed away at the age of forty-three. The family were all members of the Florence Congregational Church. The late John H. Poyer was the second in a family of five children, the others being: Dwight, who died at the age of twenty-one; Julia, who married Alfred Smith of Vermilion, a farmer, and died leaving three children; Carrie, who died unmarried at the age of fifty; and Cordelia, who died as the wife of William Greenough, leaving three children.

In the country district of Vermilion Township John H. Poyer grew to manhood and acquired his education partly in the district schools and also graduated from the Norwalk High School. For five years he was clerk in a store at Jonesville, Michigan, for Bennett Tucker, but from there returned to Erie County and at Florence established a general store. His business as a merchant at Florence was continued with increas-

ing prosperity until 1883. At that date he sold his store, and moved to Berlin Township, where he acquired 100 acres of land on the state road, about midway between Berlin Heights and Florence on which his years were passed in quiet industry and comfortable circumstances until his death more than thirty years later.

In 1862, while a merchant at Florence, John Poyer raised Company G for the Seventy-second Regiment of Ohio Infantry and became its lieutenant under Captain Fernald and Colonel Buckland. His active service covers eleven months, at the end of which time he resigned. He was engaged in the great battle of Pittsburg Landing, where his company suffered severe losses, though he himself escaped injury. He was honorably discharged and given a recommendation as a brave and faithful soldier and officer. For many years Mr. Poyer gave his stanch support to the republican party, but when Mr. Bryan became a candidate he accepted his leadership and remained a democrat until his death. For two terms he served as assessor and for two terms as treasurer of Berlin Township, and for many years performed the duties of justice of the peace.

In Florence Township on October 12, 1857, John H. Poyer married Miss Lodema Mason. She was born in Florence Township, April 7, 1840, and was reared and educated there and at Milan and Elyria, and from the age of sixteen was a teacher until her marriage. Mrs. Poyer has always been known as a woman of many capabilities, a devoted wife and kind mother, and has successfully managed the estate and farm left her by her husband. She likewise represents a family that has had fully a century's residence in this part of Ohio. Her parents were Harley and Susie (Cahoon) Mason. Her father was born at Castleton, Massachusetts, in 1796, and her mother in Sheffield, Massachusetts, in 1797. They came to Avon in Lorain County, Ohio, along with the first group of settlers, and were married in that township, but spent many years of their lives in Florence Township of Erie County, where they died on their farm. Harley Mason was a millwright and constructed many mills in this section of Ohio. He died in 1850 at the age of fifty-five, and his wife passed away in 1880 in her eighty-fourth year. They were active workers in the Baptist Church and he was a democrat. Harley Mason was a son of Thadius Mason and Anna (Warren) Mason, both of Massachusetts. Harley Mason came to Erie County in 1816 and his parents followed him about two years later to Florence Township. In coming west the Mason family traveled overland as far as Albany, New York, made a large part of the journey from there to Buffalo by water, and embarked on the lake boat Walk-in-the-Water for Sandusky. The Masons established their home on forty acres which Harley Mason had located in the wilderness of Florence Township, and before his death Harley Mason acquired 600 acres of land in the same township. Mrs. Poyer has a sister, Huldah Marsh, wife of John Marsh, both now living at Fort Dodge, Iowa, Mr. Marsh at the age of ninety or more and she past eighty-six.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Poyer only one child survives, Wilber J., who was born in Florence Township, March 25, 1860, was educated in Oberlin College and for several years was a teacher, but has been chiefly successful as a farmer and is now manager of his mother's estate. He has also been a factor in local affairs, and is chairman of the school board. He was married in Vermilion Township, April 4, 1881, to Miss Cora Ball, who was born there October 24, 1860, a daughter of Jesse and Mary A. (Hubble) Ball. Both her parents were natives of New York State, and were brought as children in their respective families to Erie County. Both the Balls and the Hubbles originally lived in Connecticut, and spent many years in Erie County. It was characteristic of them that

nearly all members attained advanced years, and Jesse Ball and wife were about eighty years old when they died. They were active members of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Wilber Poyer was one of six children, three sons and three daughters, all of whom are married and still living. Wilber Poyer and wife have two children. Jesse J., born February 26, 1882, was educated in the public schools, assists his father in managing the farm, and in January, 1905, married Eunice Witter of Berlin Township, and they have one son, Douglas E., now one year of age. John W., the second son, was born in 1883, and married Faye Durling of Birmingham, Ohio. They live at Oberlin. Mrs. Poyer is a member of the Christian Science faith.

Mathew B. Carroll. To have passed a hundred milestones on life's journey is itself an unusual distinction and one that would justify a special tribute to Mathew B. Carroll, who at the time of the writing of this history of Erie County is in his one hundred and first year. Mr. Carroll has spent the greater part of his life in Erie County and is still active in mind and body, and has his home in the environment of comforts which the labors of his early years secured on a farm of 161 acres in Berlin Township on the state road between Berlin Heights and Florence villages. Mr. Carroll came to Erie County many years ago, without money and without friends, showed himself industrious and trustworthy, acquired the confidence of the community, and many years ago was able to retire from the heavier responsibilities of farming, and with ample material means has since enjoyed the devotion and affection of his children and the esteem of his hundreds of friends.

He has lived at his present location since July, 1870. A year prior to that his home was in Oxford Township, but with that exception he has lived in Berlin Township ever since coming to Erie County in 1849. It was as a farm laborer that he was first introduced to the citizenship of Erie County and by hard work and economy he bought twenty-six acres of the old Norman Walker Estate, and that was the nucleus of his accumulations. Subsequently he bought sixty-four acres from the David Walker property, and in 1873 secured the remainder of the land now included in the Walker Estate from the widow of David Walker. He occupies one of the interesting old homes of Berlin Township formerly owned by the Walker family, who came from Connecticut and acquired 140 acres of the land almost directly from the Government, it having been deeded by the Government to Squire Barnes. A substantial house was built by the Walkers, comprising eleven rooms, and is one of the most interesting of the older homes of the township and still in good repair. After Mr. Carroll secured this farm he set out an orchard of three acres of apples and also a large number of peach trees, but these have since been removed. As a farmer Mr. Carroll was successful as a general crop and fruit grower, and also gave much attention to horses and cattle and sheep.

On March 8, 1815, about the close of the second war with Great Britain, Mathew B. Carroll was born at Oldcastle, in County Meath, Ireland. Thus his lifetime covers practically the entire period since the United States as a result of the second war with the mother country became firmly established in its nationality. When Mr. Carroll came to his hundredth anniversary in the spring of 1915 he was greeted by a shower of postcard remembrances and good wishes from his friends and neighbors, and more than 150 such cards came to his home on that day.

His parents were Byron and Jane (Garry) Carroll, who spent all their lives in Ireland, where his father died at the age of seventy-seven and his mother at seventy-four. The family were all members of the Catholic Church, and farmers by occupation. The grandparents were

Mathew and Bridget (Chadden) Carroll, who also lived as Irish farmers, and the former died at forty-four and the latter at eighty-eight. Mathew Carroll was the second in a family of nine children. His older brother John came during young manhood to America, but was lost sight of and his history no longer known.

Mr. Carroll grew up in Ireland, and received his education under many trying circumstances. The people in his neighborhood hired for school purposes an old vacant house which had not a stick of furniture, and the only means of heating was a big fireplace. Rough seats were improvised by bringing stones into the house, covering them with straw mats. The fire was kept burning in the chimney with peat which was carried to the schoolhouse by the pupils. The teacher himself, James Mulvaney by name, had a very meager equipment, and received equally meager wages from the patrons of the school. Mr. Carroll learned rapidly from his primer and "Reading Made Easy" and the Universal Speller, and soon knew as much or more than the teacher. Studious by nature, Mr. Carroll has always been a great reader and has been distinguished for his sound scholarship. It is also an evidence of his physical vigor that he has never used eye-glasses and was able to read without their aid until ninety-seven years of age, at which time he had to give up the personal perusal of papers and books. He was also strong in mathematical studies.

In 1849 on the Queen of the West Mr. Carroll left Liverpool for America, and landed at New York City on the 15th of April in the same year, making a very quick passage for the days of sailing boats. He was at that time unmarried, came on west as far as Buffalo, New York, by railroad, and up the lake on a steamer to Huron, Ohio. In the same year he arrived in Berlin Township, and soon found employment with Henry Walker, and later with his father, David Walker, who was the owner of the farm that Mr. Carroll has since acquired as a result of his own work and economy. In Berlin Township Mr. Carroll met and in 1858 married Miss Bridget Grimes, who was born in Ireland in 1834, and died at their comfortable home in Berlin Township, March 10, 1912. They had lived together, and helped each other to prosper and had reared their family, and their associations were unbroken until four years beyond the celebration of their fiftieth or golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Carroll's parents both died in Ireland. Her brothers and sisters were Thomas, John and Frank and Ellen and Margaret, and of these Ellen, Thomas and Frank are still living. Mrs. Carroll came to America when nineteen years of age, spent several weeks on the ocean voyage from Liverpool to New York, and for four years was employed on Long Island. She then came to Erie County, and was living with the family of Mr. Ruggles when she married Mr. Carroll. Both she and her husband were members and devoted attendants of the Catholic Church.

Their marriage was blessed with a large family of children. Thomas, the oldest, died unmarried. Mary lives at home with her father and with her sister has proved a devoted companion to his declining years. Sarah was well educated in the public schools, was a teacher in the township and county for nine years, and is now living with her sister Mary and caring for their father. Ella is the wife of Lewis Nolan and they live on a small farm near the Carroll homestead, and their children are Carroll, Bernadette, Angela and Vincent, all at home. Margaret is living in Berlin Heights and is a seamstress. Mathew, Jr., lives on a farm in Berlin Township, and by his marriage to Della Conly has the following children, Ethel, Loretta, Thomas, Margaret, Joseph and Mathew. Catherine is the wife of Henry Andress, living on a farm in Vermilion Township, and they have a son, Carroll H. All the children were confirmed in the Catholic Church. While Mr. Carroll and his sons are independent

democrats in politics, the father has long been an admirer of the principles of democracy as expounded by the great Andrew Jackson. He formerly served as a member of the local board and his career has been as useful as it has been long.

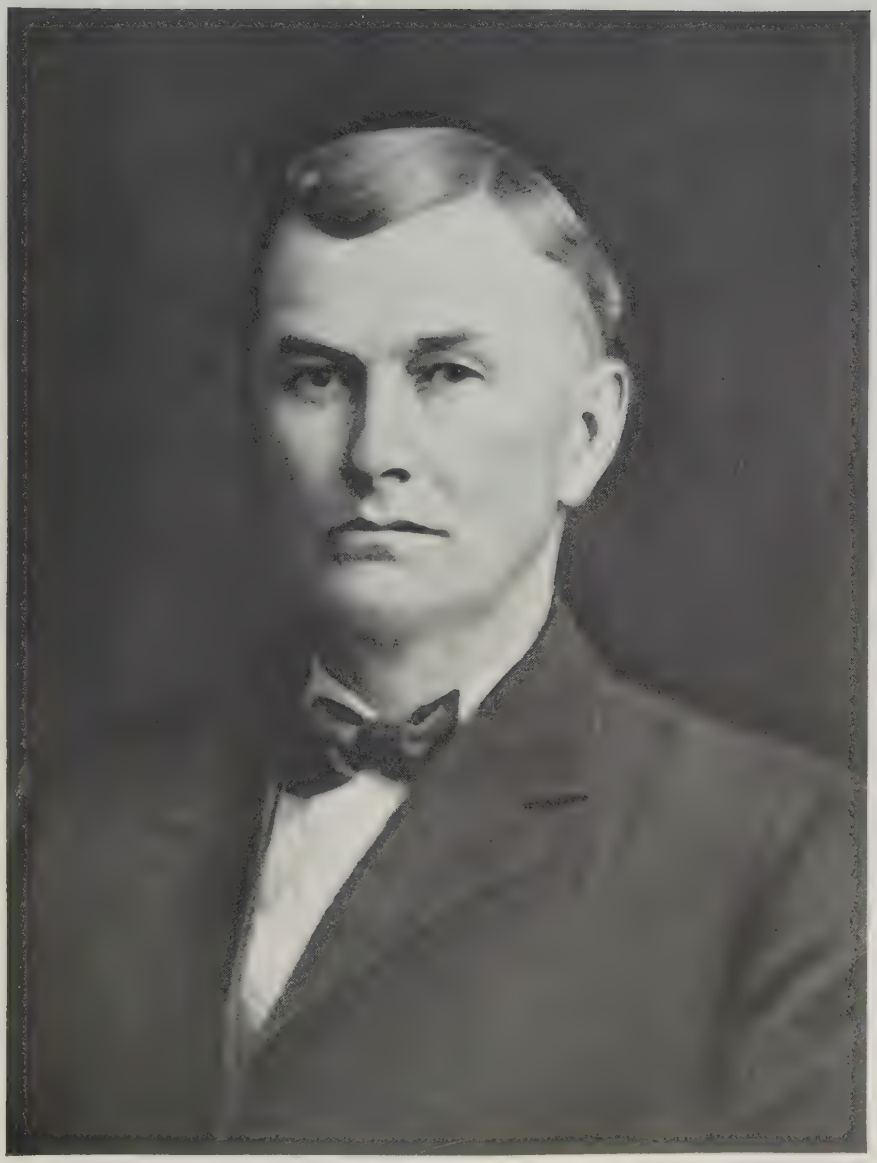
Elmer Cook. The Cook family has many interesting associations with Erie County and this part of Northern Ohio. In the main they have been substantial farming people, but the relationship also includes ministers of the gospel, merchants, and several who have at different times identified themselves with other lines of business and the professions. Mr. Cook owns one of the well-kept and managed farms of Berlin Township, his home being on Rural Route No. 4 out of Norwalk.

His grandfather, Aaron Cook, was a native of New York State and after his first marriage came to Huron County about 1840. His first wife died there, and he married for his second wife Rachel Barney. Some years later they moved to Michigan and improved a farm west of Kalamazoo, where they died when full of years. They were good Christian people and in politics he was a republican. The children of the second marriage were Harrison, Henry and Emily, all of whom were married and lived in the western states. By the first marriage the children were Hiram, Lorin, Milo and Allen. These became farmers, and Hiram died in Montana, while Lorin and Allen passed away in Michigan. They were all natives of Cattaraugus County, New York.

Milo Cook, father of Elmer, was born in 1818, and was a young man when his parents came to Huron County. He married Adelia Vining, also a native of Cattaraugus County, where she was born about 1820. She came out to Huron County with her parents, where they died, and after her marriage in 1851 Milo and wife located at Townsend Station, now Collins, and built a hotel, which they conducted until 1854. This hotel they traded for a large farm in Jasper County, Indiana, moved to that locality, and Milo died there in 1858, when in the prime of life. His widow subsequently lived with her daughter Iola, now the wife of Richard Cook, an Englishman. Richard Cook is a fruit and vegetable gardener, near Norwalk, and his children are Elmer, Willis and Gertrude. Mrs. Milo Cook subsequently moved to Michigan, lived on a small farm there, and in the spring of 1864 took her two children to Missouri, but in the fall of the same year returned to Ohio and located in Berlin Township of Erie County. She died a few years later when about forty-three years of age. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Her father was Rev. Record Vining, a pioneer Baptist minister throughout both Erie and Huron counties, having come here from New York State. He died in Jasper County, Indiana, when eighty years of age. Though devoted to the cause of the church which he served so faithfully, he preached without remuneration, and supported himself and family largely through his farming enterprise. His widow, whose maiden name was Lydia Williams, subsequently returned to Ohio and died in Berlin when past eighty years. Record Vining was one of the best known men in East Townsend and, as before stated, was a preacher of the gospel without remuneration. He reared a family of seven children, two sons and five daughters: Ebenezer, of Ohio, was a farmer; Jared died in Michigan; Mary married Hiram Cook and lived and died in Montana; Lydia, who married Ansil Bryant, lived in Ohio, later lived in Michigan for several years, and then returned to Ohio, where both died; Abigail married Edmund Waldron and lived and died in Ohio; Sarah married Chester Jackson and lived and died in Ohio; Adela became the mother of the subject of this review.

Elmer Cook was born June 15, 1851. He grew up in Ohio and Michigan and his education came from the schools of Berlin and the normal school at Milan. After his marriage he established himself on twenty-

Mrs. Emma Drake.



J. O. Drake

five acres of well-improved land in Berlin Township, and has lived there and made a success of agriculture. He has a group of good buildings and a prominent feature of his farm is an orchard of peach, apple and other fruit trees. A few years ago he built a substantial barn by his own labor.

In 1874, in Berlin Township, Mr. Cook married Hattie Cook, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, May 9, 1850, and was a young girl when her parents came to Erie County in 1865. Her parents were John and Hannah (Reeson) Cook. Her mother was a daughter of Rev. Thomas Reeson, an Englishman and a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who spent his life in England. His Bible is now in the possession of Mrs. Cook, and she values it highly for its many associations, and she also has an old sickle handed down from the previous generation. John Cook, her father, was born in 1802 and died in Berlin Township in 1899, where his wife was born in 1812 and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cook, in 1896. Mrs. Cook's parents were married in England in 1834, and after the birth of five children there they all came to the United States on a sailing vessel in 1848, spending six weeks in the voyage. From New York they went on to Cleveland, and arrived there without a cent of money. The entire family lived in one room for a time until the father was able to get a start in the New World, and in 1865 they came to Erie County, where John Cook followed farming and made a success of the business. Two other children were born to them after they came to this country. One son, Henry, served in an Ohio regiment through three years of the Civil war, was wounded in the side at Chickamauga, but returned and died some years after the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cook have three children. Walter is unmarried and still at home. Elma is the wife of Clifford McLaughlin, a merchant at Berlinville, and they have a son, Lewis C. Mary is the wife of Henry Benbower, who is connected with the Western Automatic Machine Company at Elyria, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are members of the Berlinville Friends Church, in which he formerly served as an elder. Long a resident of Berlin Township, he has commended himself to the confidence of the people and has held several local offices. He is one of the pioneer prohibitionists in Erie County, and has advocated that doctrine since the time of St. John.

Jay O. Drake. Taking the rural homes as they come in Berlin Township, there are few that present a more inviting exterior and show more evidence of thrifty prosperity than that of Jay O. Drake, along Rural Route No. 4 out of Norwalk.

Mr. Drake's family has been identified with this section of Northern Ohio for a great many years. On the subject of lineage it is of interest to note that he is directly descended from the famous families distinguished by Sir Francis Drake, one of the greatest English sea captains in the days of Queen Elizabeth. A brother of Sir Francis was named John and established the family name and fortunes in America in the very early period of colonization. From him there follows a direct line of descent down to Hiram D. Drake, the grandfather of the Berlin Township citizen above named. Hiram Drake was born and lived on the Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania, was a farmer there, and among his sons were Francis, Asop, Lorenzo, Salmon and George, besides daughters. Salmon and his brother Francis came to Ohio and lived in Huron County. Asop died as a soldier in the Civil war.

Salmon Drake was born in Pennsylvania in 1827, and died in Ridgefield Township of Huron County in April, 1877. He had settled in this part of Ohio during the early '30s, was a farmer, and during the war, though past military age, was drafted for a hundred days' service. He

married Cynthia Dickey. She was two years of age when her parents established their home in Ridgefield Township of Huron County. She was born in 1826 and died in Ridgefield in 1899. Her father was Thomas Dickey, a native of New Hampshire, who was a soldier during the War of 1812. Later he moved to Ohio and was married in this state to Elizabeth Meyers, a native of Ohio, but of German parentage. Thomas Dickey on going to Ridgefield Township secured land that cost him between four and six dollars an acre, and his first home was a log cabin. His most important service in the community was the establishment and operation of a sawmill, which he used to work up great quantities of the surrounding timber into black walnut lumber. At the same time he improved his land and lived there until his death at the age of eighty-seven. He survived his wife by many years. His later years were spent in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Salmon Drake. He left a son, Albert Dickey, who married and died in middle life, leaving one son. After Salmon Drake and wife were married they became farmers on the old Dickey estate. They were excellent people, good neighbors, members of the Christian Church, and in politics he was a republican. Their eight children were: Eliza Jane, who became the wife of George Klopfenstein, and is now living on a farm in Bowling Green, Ohio, and has four children; Hiram D., who is a farmer in Ridgefield Township of Huron County, owning and operating a part of his father's old place, and is the father of two sons by his marriage to Blanche Killey; Charles W., who lives in Norwalk Township of Huron County, is a farmer and married Mrs. Lina (Bishop) Fay; Imogene is the wife of George J. Rowe, a sawmill man and farmer near the old Dickey home in Huron County, and they have two sons and one daughter; Jay O. is the next in age; Georgianna is the wife of H. C. Roadannel of Haskins, Wood County, Ohio, a mail carrier there, and they have two sons; S. A. is employed by the Smith Monument Works at Norwalk, and by his marriage to Blanche Adriance has one daughter; Ira died at the age of six years.

Jay O. Drake grew up in his native township in Huron County, where he was born March 6, 1861. He received his education in the local schools and also attended the Normal at Milan. His years were spent in the house where he was born until he came to Berlin Township in Erie County in 1886, and in 1887 occupied his present farm. His home comprises 103 acres of well improved land devoted to general agricultural and fruit raising. He also has thirty-three acres in Milan Township. He has given the farm a great deal of value since he took possession nearly thirty years ago, and among other improvements that deserve mention is the large bank barn fifty feet square, with an "L" 28x55 feet. His home is a good seven-room house and there are various other buildings which furnish shelter for stock, tools and equipment. Mr. Drake has more than two thousand peach trees in his orchard. He also grows all kinds of grain, and each year raises from 1,000 to 1,500 bushels of potatoes. He keeps good stock and by intelligent and close management has made farming a profitable business.

It was in Erie County that Mr. Drake married his wife. Her maiden name was Emma M. Williams, and she was born in Milan Township of Erie County, April 7, 1866, and was reared and educated in that township and lived there until her marriage. Her grandfather was John Williams, who is still living in Milan at the extreme age of ninety-eight. Her parents were Peter and Sarah (Shaffer) Williams, the former of Ohio and the latter of New York State. They grew up in Milan Township, where they were married and spent many years as farmers. They both died in Milan Township, he when about sixty years of age and she when fifty years old.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Drake have been born the follow-

ing children: Hazel, who was graduated from the Berlin Heights High School and is now the wife of Homer G. Rosekelly of Milan Township, and their two children are named George and Eleanor Florence; Elnora, also a graduate of the Berlin Heights High School, is the wife of Frank E. Rosekelly, a farmer of Milan Township, and their children are Esther and Edward J.; Homer attended the schools at Milan and is now employed at Bedford, Ohio; George H., who lives at home, married Augusta Worth and they have an infant son, Harold Lee; John O. is still at home, a lad of six years; Helen died when two and a half years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Drake are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and in politics he is a republican.

GEORGE SHERMAN, whose enterprise as a farmer and citizen in Berlin Township is well known to all the people of that locality, represents a family that have had a prominent part in the development of Northern Ohio since the early days. They are people of the old American stock, and the first ancestors gained some distinction in the New England colonies beginning in the early part of the seventeenth century. Mr. Sherman of Berlin Township is descended from the same colonial pioneers who were also the ancestors of such great Americans as Senator John Sherman and Gen. William T. Sherman.

In England the family name was well known in London, in Devonshire and in Yoxley, County Suffolk. In the earlier generations the family was sufficiently distinguished to be the possessors of coats of arms. Notable features of the arms are: A lion rampant sable, between three oak leaves vert; on the shoulder an amulet. The crest shows a sea lion, and the crescent on the shoulder probably signifies service in the crusade. The motto is "Conquered Death by Virtue."

In 1634 Hon. Samuel Sherman, Rev. John, his brother, and Capt. John, his first cousin, came to America from Dedham, Essex County, England. Samuel settled in Stockford, Connecticut, and the other two in Watertown, Massachusetts. The direct line of descent to George Sherman of Berlin Township is as follows: Judge Daniel Sherman, who was a grandson of the Hon. Samuel just mentioned, was born in Connecticut in 1721, and in 1744 married Mindwell Taylor. He died July 2, 1799, and his wife passed away May 18, 1798. In their large family was Daniel Sherman, Jr., who was born in Connecticut, April 20, 1756, and was married there December 31, 1782, to Elizabeth Mitchell. Of their children, Peter Sherman, who was born September 12, 1794, was the grandfather of George Sherman of Berlin Township, and a collateral line which should be mentioned was that of Taylor Sherman, a son of Judge Daniel Sherman and a brother of Daniel Sherman, Jr., above mentioned. Taylor Sherman was the father of Hon. Charles Sherman, who in turn was the father of Senator John Sherman and General Sherman.

Grandfather Peter Sherman grew up in Connecticut, was married there, and a few years after the birth of their son Lampson, in 1829 came by river, canal and lake transportation to Cleveland, Ohio. There they took teams and wagons which carried them to Vermilion River in Huron County. They set up their habitation in the midst of the wilderness, secured land which they improved in a farm, and that old pioneer place is still in the family name, being owned by Mrs. Barns of Wakeman, a daughter of Peter Sherman. Peter Sherman died there February 22, 1878, at the age of eighty-four, and had survived his wife many years, she having passed away on the same farm at the age of fifty. They had only two children, the daughter being Mrs. Elizabeth Barns, widow of George Barns, and now past eighty years of age. She was born in Huron County, Ohio, about 1828 and has a large number of descendants.

Lampson Sherman, father of George, was born in Connecticut, March 18, 1826, and was three years old when the family came out to Huron County. He grew up at the old farm along the Vermilion River, and was married there to Miss Fannie P. Smith, who was born in Wakeman Township of Huron County, December 10, 1825, and died January 27, 1908, and is buried by the side of her husband at Milan. Her mother was a French, daughter of Joseph French, the ancestor of all the descendants of that name in Huron County. After his marriage Lampson Sherman moved to Berlin Township, in the southeastern part, and bought a farm on which he and his wife lived several years, later removing to Norwalk Township, Huron County, where they spent their last days. They were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he was one of the leaders in local church affairs in Milan and Berlin townships. He should also be remembered for his excellent qualities of citizenship, was a republican in politics, and for some years served as township trustee. The children of Lampson Sherman and wife were: Clara, who is unmarried and lives in San Diego, California; John, who is in the real estate business at Spokane, Washington, and has two children; and a son Roy, who died at the age of twenty-four, was married but left no children. These children were well educated, and all of them excepting George Sherman were teachers.

Mr. George Sherman was born in Berlin Township, April 12, 1869, attended the common and high schools, and has always been fond of books and study, though unlike other members of the family did not take up educational work. Farming has been his essential vocation, and for the past five years he has owned 122 acres on the Shinrock Road in Berlin Township near Berlinville. The farm has many features worthy of note. General farming and stock raising are his principel industries, and he keeps good grades of sheep, hogs and cattle, and also has 500 peach trees. His home is one of comfort and convenience and contains eight rooms, and is surrounded by well-built outbuildings.

In Hartland Township of Huron County, on March 21, 1899, Mr. Sherman married Myrtle Silcox. She was born in Hartland Township, July 17, 1872, and was reared and educated there, being daughter of Henry and Eunice (Draper) Silcox, both of whom were natives of Huron County, their parents having come from New York State. Henry Silcox was a son of Amos H. and Lydia W. (DeWitt) Silcox, who were early settlers in Huron County and died there when about eighty years of age. They were members of the United Brethren Church and in politics he was a republican. After their marriage Henry Silcox and wife became farmers, and are still living in Huron Township, being now retired at the age of about seventy and making their home at Hartland. They were reared in the United Brethren Church. In their family were six children, all of whom are married except one.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman have two children: Fannie M., who died at the age of seven months; and Rosebud Marian, who was born September 26, 1903, and is now a seventh grade pupil in the public schools. Mr. Sherman is an independent democrat, and is a man who has always had a peculiar fondness for his home and finds his greatest pleasures in the companionship of his family and immediate friends.

William Clark. When a man has lived a life of usefulness and honor in one community for many years, his fellow citizens recognize in him a man deserving of respect and his name and some narrative of his activities have an appropriate place in the local annals of his township and county. Such has been the role of William Clark in Erie County, who at the age of sixty finds himself prosperously situated as a farmer and fruit grower in Berlin Township. He has been otherwise an influence for good

in that community and stands high in the Society of Friends or Quakers, near whose church on the west line of the township is located his farm.

While Mr. Clark is not the owner of an extensive landed estate, he has employed intensive methods of cultivation and has a valuable and comfortable rural home. Part of his land is set in fruit, and he and his good wife reside in an attractive six-room house, and other improvements indicate the thrift and industry of the occupants. Mr. Clark has lived on this farm since 1891. He was born near the Seven-Mile House out from Sandusky, January 5, 1854, acquired an education in the local schools, and on reaching manhood found himself quite well qualified for his chosen vocation, that of farming. He worked industriously and finally accumulated enough to purchase his present place.

His parents were Willard and Catherine (Mack) Clark, both of them natives of Ohio and coming to Erie County many years ago. They established their home about seven miles from Sandusky and there Willard Clark died in 1854 at the age of thirty-three, when his son William was only four weeks old. Besides this son there was a daughter, Emily, who died in 1909, the wife of Albert Rice, and left a child, Anna, who is now married and has children.

When William Clark was two years of age his widowed mother married, in Erie County, Andrew J. Pulver, who was a Mason and general mechanic by trade and a well informed and highly respected citizen. They spent the rest of their lives near Milan in Erie County, where he died in 1904 at the age of sixty-eight, and she passed away in 1905, aged sixty-six. She was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Milan, and in politics he was a republican. To their marriage were born the following children, who are half-brothers and half-sisters of William Clark: Catherine, widow of Daniel Bemis, and now living with her son in Erie County; Lucy, who is the wife of Pinson Ewell of Milan; Rosa, who married William Bailey, an engineer living at Cleveland, and their sons and daughters are all married except one; Jessie is the widow of Theodore Taylor, and now lives in Norwalk, two of her three children being married.

William Clark was married in Milan to Anna Mason. Mrs. Clark was born in Huron Township, December 27, 1859, and grew up and received her education in Milan Township. Her parents were William and Catherine (Stamp) Mason, both of whom were born in Yorkshire, England, and were married near Liverpool. Immediately after their wedding they set out for the United States in April, 1857, the sailing vessel on which they took passage landing them at New York after a voyage of five weeks, two days. They came on to Erie County, where Mr. Mason bought a small farm in Huron Township, but five years later established his permanent home in Milan Township. He died there May 16, 1890, at the age of sixty-three, and his wife passed away July 17, 1874, aged forty-nine. They were members of the Methodist Church and she died in that faith, though he subsequently became affiliated with the Society of Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark are both active members of the Friends Church in Berlin Township near their home. Mr. Clark has been a trustee for many years, and helped to build the first and second churches of the society, and was one of its organizing members. In politics he was reared a republican, but is now active in the prohibition cause. While Mr. and Mrs. Clark have no children of their own, they have an adopted daughter, Clara Mae Wright, who was born March 29, 1909, and they are providing carefully for her training and she is one of the promising young pupils of the local schools.

Charles Sipp. Two of the best-known people in the fine agricultural community in the western part of Berlin Township are Mr. and Mrs.

Charles Sipp, who have spent practically all their lives in Erie County, and are now the happy possessors of a farm which is a portion of the old Hoak Estate, a place that was entered by the Hoak family from the Government more than a century ago, and which in productiveness and capable management is probably not excelled by any tract in Erie County.

A representative of the honest, thrifty and substantial people who came from Germany and its provinces, Charles Sipp was born in Milan Township, Erie County, January 9, 1869. His father, Michael Sipp, was born in the Province of Alsace, then French territory, but now a part of the German Empire, at the City of Strassburg, in 1835. He was the son of a wagonmaker, and his parents spent their lives in Alsace. Michael Sipp, with the education given to Alsatian boys of that period and at the age of eighteen, started out for himself to find a home and fortune in the New World. He traveled through Paris to Havre, and there embarked on a sailing vessel which four weeks later arrived in New York City in the year 1851. The vessel was for three days beset by a severe storm. Michael Sipp soon afterwards located in Milan Township, where he secured employment at $8 per month on the farm. In a few years he was on the fair way to independence and finally became the owner of two good farms. One of these had originally been a cranberry marsh, and under his ownership it was drained and became some of the most productive land in that locality. He improved it with a good house and lived on that estate until his death. He also owned another farm on the higher land in Berlin Township, and that likewise was improved. He spent many years in Erie County and prospered by raising stock, in truck farming, and as a fruit grower, and had a large orchard and also raised considerable small fruit. He died at the home of his son Edward in the Town of Huron in Townsend Township of Huron County, April 24, 1906. In politics he was a republican, and was a member of the Friends Church. Michael Sipp was married in Milan Township to Hannah Brandal, who was born in Thompson Township of Seneca County, Ohio, March 26, 1840. She was of an old Pennsylvania Dutch family, a daughter of John and Catherine Brandal, who were natives of Pennsylvania, moved out to Seneca, Ohio, and when their daughter, Mrs. Sipp, was nine years of age, to Hillsdale County, Michigan, where they died. Their daughter afterwards returned to Milan Township of Erie County, where on September 6, 1859, she was united in marriage with Michael Sipp. She died in that township August 26, 1903. For thirty years she was a member of the church at East Norwalk, but in 1900 united with the Friends Church in Berlin Township and died in that faith. For the last two years of her life she was an invalid and was confined to an invalid's chair, but in spite of all her sufferings she showed great patience and constant cheerfulness. Of this union there were ten children: John, Laura, Julia, Emma, Charles, Ida, Edward, Ella, Mary and Irene. All these children grew up and married, and all are still living except John. Five of them have children of their own.

On October 17, 1894, Mr. Charles Sipp married Miss Caroline F. Hoak. She was born on the farm where she now lives November 19, 1868. She belongs to one of the oldest and best families of Berlin Township and the story of the early settlement and principal facts in the lives of the different generations are told elsewhere in this publication in the sketch of Nathan Hoak, her brother. Mrs. Sipp was educated in the public schools in the vicinity of her birthplace and has never known any other home but the one where she now lives. Mr. and Mrs. Sipp have sixty-eight acres, a portion of the old Hoak homestead, and it is maintained at the high standard of cultivation which has for so many years prevailed on this land. It is a fruit and grain farm, has a large white residence, a

big barn the main portion of which is 30x50 feet, and all the improvements and cultivation suggests the most progressive spirit of Erie County farming. Mr. Sipp is a republican in politics and is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 345 at Berlin Heights. Mrs. Sipp is a member of the Spiritualist Church.

Lester T. Chase. The Weeping Willow Farm is the attractive name of the homestead occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lester T. Chase in Berlin Township, on Rural Route No. 2 out of Berlin Heights. Mr. Chase is a farmer to the manner born, has spent most of his life in Erie County, and a brief review of what he has accomplished indicates that his reputation as an expert agriculturist is well founded.

The Chase family was established in this section of Ohio a great many years ago. Lester T. Chase was born near Castalia in Erie County February 20, 1859, and is a son of Frank and Sarah (Tompkins) Chase. His mother was born in New York State January 9, 1841, and when about ten years of age was brought to Erie County in the family of her uncle, Gilbert Knapp, who lived for many years on a farm in Margaretta Township. Mrs. Chase grew up in that community. Frank Chase was born in New York State December 26, 1826, and was still a boy when he came with his parents to Erie County, and after his marriage he and his young wife started out on a farm in Margaretta Township. They prospered in proportion to their industry, and while their children were growing up they lived upon and owned five different farms in the vicinity of Castalia. About eighteen years ago Frank Chase and his wife left Erie County and bought 225 acres in the State of Maryland, two years later sold that and bought a farm of 200 acres in the State of Delaware and after two years moved to Old Virginia, and acquired 200 acres near the historic City of Petersburg, where Frank Chase spent the rest of his days and died December 18, 1909. He possessed an unusually keen judgment and always profited in his real estate dealings, and every tract of land upon which he lived was the better for his occupation. He was a republican in politics and a man of standing and influence in every community that claimed him as a citizen. His widow is still living on the homestead near Petersburg with her bachelor son, Grant. Lester T. Chase is the oldest of their four children. One son, Arthur, died at the age of twenty-five, leaving two children by his marriage to Sadie Golden, who is now living at Fremont, Ohio, and her first child is married. The son Grant, as already mentioned, is the practical manager of the Virginia farm, which is regarded as one of the best farming properties in that section of the Old Dominion State. Burton B. is now a successful farmer in the State of Delaware, and he married a Delaware girl and they have a son and daughter.

Lester T. Chase lived in Margaretta Township until his marriage and then took charge of his wife's mother's farm of sixty-seven acres in Townsend Township of Huron County. At the same time he owned and operated twenty-seven acres of his own adjacent to his wife's home. That was the scene of his successful work as a farmer until eight years ago, when he returned to Erie County and bought 156 acres in Perkins Township. In 1913, having sold that property, he bought one of the best known farms in Berlin Township, formerly owned by John Hoak. It comprises seventy-five acres, not far from Berlinville and Berlin Heights. About ten acres of fine native timber make one of the valuable features of the Weeping Willow Farm. Mr. Chase has succeeded in growing everything that can be grown profitably in this climate, and has made a feature of potato raising, also has a first-class

apple orchard and about two acres set to peaches. His home is a large nine-room house, and there are two large barns, for the storage and shelter of his stock and grain. Mr. Chase raises good grades of live stock, and feeds nearly all the product of his fields so that none of their fertility is lost.

On November 4, 1885, in Townsend Township of Huron County Mr. Chase married Miss Delia L. Owen. Mrs. Chase was born in that locality January 14, 1866, and as a girl attended the local schools. Her parents were Henry and Harriet (Graham) Owen, both of whom were natives of New York State and came when young to Ohio and were married in Seneca County. Not long afterwards they moved into the wilds of Townsend Township in Huron County where they secured sixty-seven acres of land practically untouched by plow and isolated from the civilization around them. There were hardly any roads to speak of, the wolves howled at the door of their little one-room cabin, wild game was plentiful, and out of those conditions the industry of Mr. and Mrs. Owen finally evoked a substantial and valuable farm. Mr. Owen died there in 1881 when past fifty-five years of age and his widow, who was born April 17, 1836, died January 15, 1901. They were a Methodist family. Mrs. Chase has two sisters: Rosalia, wife of John Tompkins, of Castalia; and Amelia A., wife of Ernest Benson, of Norwalk, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Chase have two capable and vigorous young sons. Earl J., born January 12, 1887, attended the Collins High School and is now the capable manager of the Nathan Hoak Farm in Berlin Township; he married Eunice McGill, daughter of Warren McGill of Margaretta Township, and their three children are named Doris I., Gerald E. and Mildred. The second son, Henry M., born March 31, 1892, was similarily educated, and is now giving his assistance to his father in the management of the homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Chase attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, they are both members of the Patrons of Husbandry, and in politics he is a republican voter.

John Huff. The development of such an attractive rural landscape as Berlin Township from the pioneer conditions which prevailed there within the memory of living man has been a task involving the labors of many successive years and of hundreds of individuals. It is a comfortable reflection to many of those who live in that fine district that they or their families before them have obeyed the scriptural injunction that by the sweat of their brow shall they gain their bread. This has been true of the Huff family, and John Huff, though of a younger generation, has himself increased the area of cultivation and in winning a comfortable prosperity has made the section in which he lives all the better for those that come after him. His is one of the excellent farms in Berlin Township, located on Rural Route No. 2 out of Berlin Heights.

He was born on his father's old farm in the western part of Berlin Township June 27, 1860. His parents were Philip and Anna Barbara (Gundlach) Huff. Both of these worthy people were born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, the former on April 20, 1820, and the latter in April, 1827. They were of families of the German farming class. Though born and reared in the same country, their destinies were not united until they came to America by different routes and at different times. Philip Huff came to this country in 1844, spending seven weeks on the voyage from Hamburg to New York City. He came on to Cleveland, went up the lake to Huron and for some time labored as a farm hand in Huron Township. Several years later Miss Gundlach had also set out alone from Germany, traveled in a sailing vessel to Quebec,

Canada, thence up the St. Lawrence River and Lake Erie to Huron, Ohio, and in that township these two people first became acquainted and were married. In the meantime from their earnings as young and industrious Germans both had furnished means for other members of their family to come and enjoy the advantages of American citizenship. Mrs. Huff's parents and some of her brothers came to this country and Mr. Huff furnished the means by which his brothers John, George and Adam were able to enjoy the opportunities of the New World. His brother George died not long after his arrival, while Adam died in Pennsylvania, having prospered, and the brother John is still living in Michigan, having located west of Adrian and is a wealthy man, being now past eighty years of age.

When Philip Huff and wife were married they were exceedingly poor and only by the hardest work got far enough ahead to make their first investment as land owners. Their first ownership comprised eight acres in Berlin Township and to that they added from time to time until they had a farm of 121 acres. Philip Huff was a hard worker and the manner in which he acquired his land holdings was to buy a small tract of uncleared woodland, and after several seasons of hard work he had it in cultivation, had paid for it, and was soon ready to try his enterprise on another tract. In the meantime he had built a good home, and he and his wife spent their last years in comfort. Philip Huff died on his farm in Erie County February 5, 1908. His widow subsequently went to live with her son John and died at his home May 5, 1912. Philip Huff was a Lutheran and his wife of the German Reformed Church, and in politics he was a democrat. They were devoted parents, were respected citizens and reared their children to lives of usefulness and honor. Their oldest child, Anna B., who died in July, 1913, was a mute from childhood and married Samuel McLanahan, who still lives at their home in Findlay, Ohio. The next child, Catherine, is the wife of Frank Peters, a farmer and butcher in Milan Township. Mary is the widow of Ephraim Mills, and lives at New Haven, Michigan, and has two sons and five daughters living, and lost one son at the age of twenty-three. Lillie is the wife of Henry McVetta, farmers in Milan Township, and three sons and four daughters were born to them, one of the daughters dying in childhood.

John Huff, who was next to the youngest in this family, was reared and educated in Berlin Township and though starting in more prosperous circumstances than his father and mother has largely worked out his fortune by relying on his own efforts. His first purchase was twenty acres of land adjacent to his father's farm. This was increased in 1903 when he bought his present home place of fifty-one and a half acres on Central State Road, and he has improved that land in many ways, having a substantial eight-room house and two large barns just across the road from his dwelling. At a later time he acquired his father's farm and homestead, and his land holdings now comprise 192 acres, some of it as good land as can be found in Erie County. Mr. Huff is a farmer who believes in practical diversification. As a stock man he keeps the best hogs, cattle and sheep, and has also given considerable attention to fruit growing, having about 400 peach trees and three acres of apple orchard.

In early manhood Mr. Huff married Miss Mary E. Otto, a resident of Berlin Township, though she was born in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County August 21, 1871. She was reared and educated in Berlin Township, and is the second child and daughter of Jacob Otto, who is mentioned on other pages of this publication. Mr. and Mrs. Huff have two children: Philip O., born April 18, 1897, is in the class

of 1916 in the Berlin Heights High School. John Jacob, born February 13, 1905, is now in the fifth grade of the public schools. Mrs. Huff, who is a devoted mother and has helped her husband gain his prosperity, is a member of the German Reformed Church, while Mr. Huff is known as an independent democrat in his political activities.

CHARLES LANDER. More than sixty years ago a young Englishman named Lander arrived in Erie County. The only possessions he could claim were the clothes he wore on his back. His name was William C. Lander and he was born in Cambridgeshire, England, in 1830. He was an only child and his parents had died when quite small and his years up to nineteen were spent in the home of his grandparents. With the spirit of adventure strong within him, with a determined purpose to make his own way in the world, he set out for the New World and spent most of his money in the long voyage by sailing vessel of three months between England and New York, and on reaching Ohio first located at Akron. The next two years did not greatly improve his fortunes, and when he arrived in Berlin Township it was as a common laborer that he worked for a farmer named West. Industrious, thrifty, faithful to the discharge of every responsibility, he was the type of young man who deserves encouragement, and found his benefactor in W. Henry Hine, who was his employer for six years. Mr. Hine, being a banker and one of the prominent citizens of Erie County, encouraged the young Englishman to buy land, offering to back him in his undertakings until he should get a foothold as an independent farmer. On this advice William C. Lander first bought thirty acres, and on that little farm his son Charles was born. While employed by Mr. Hine, William Lander married Miss Mary Jane Ceas, who was also an employe in the Hine household. She was born in Ohio, and died aged fifty-three on the old Lander homestead. After their first successful venture as independent farmers, William C. Lander and wife bought 100 acres a short distance north of the first farm, and it was on that place, since known as the old Lander homestead, that William C. Lander spent the rest of his years. He died there November 10, 1913, when past eighty-three years af age. In the meantime he had secured another tract of 100 acres of farm land, and that is now the home of his son Charles. William C. Lander and wife had two children, the first being Charles and the second Miles. The latter was born in 1870 and is now owner and occupies the old Lander homestead in Berlin Township. He married Miss Catherine Oetzel, and their three children are named Ellen, William and Emma.

Charles Lander was born on his father's farm, the first mentioned above, in Berlin Township, on October 2, 1863. He now has the second hundred acres secured by his father, located on the Berlin Township Line Road, and one of the best improved tracts of farm land in Berlin Township. Ten acres of his farm is a fine wood of native timber. Mr. Lander has a large and comfortable ten-room brick house, and has one of the largest barns found in Berlin Township, 120 feet long and 37 feet wide. Mr. Lander took possession of this farm home in 1898 and had previously lived on the Lander homestead. He has proved his ability as a thrifty general farmer, is a man of substantial education, and gives an intelligent direction to every undertaking.

In Berlin Township he married Miss Elizabeth Ritz, who was born in the old log cabin home on her father's farm in Berlin Township in March, 1863, and grew up and received her education in this locality, where she lived until her marriage. Her father is John Ritz, Sr., one of the capable citizens of Erie County, and a sketch of whom appears

MR. AND MRS. LAFAYETTE BURDUE

on other pages. Mr. and Mrs. Lander have two children, Edward, born February 22, 1888, on the old Lander homestead, was educated in the public schools and is now living at Ceylon Junction in Erie County. He married Elizabeth Nuhn of Vermilion Township and they have two children named Herbert and Charles. John, the younger son, was born September 19, 1899, has finished his education and is still living at home. Mr. Lander and his sons are independent republicans.

LAFAYETTE BURDUE. Fully a century has elapsed since the Burdues became identified with Erie County. The family is of French origin, and like many of the early settlers in this part of the old Western Reserve they came from Connecticut. The work of practically three successive generations of the family has been accomplished in this region, and there are many things that can be associated with the name to the credit and honor of the individual members.

One of the first representatives of the family to come to this country was John Burdue, a native of Connecticut, and whose grandson, Lafayette Burdue, has long operated a small fruit and general farm in Berlin Township on Rural Route No. 2 out of Berlin Heights. John Burdue came to Vermilion Township a young man, making the journey with wagons and ox teams and accompanied by his brothers and sisters. At Cleveland the sisters took passage on a boat while the brothers drove through with their wagons and teams to Vermilion township. This was about the time of the War of 1812. Of those who came here the following are given record: John, Nathaniel and Rebecca. Rebecca married Ephraim Mingus. Nathaniel also married, and all of them lived and died in Erie and Huron counties. John Burdue, the grandfather, was married in Vermilion to Rebecca Cudaback of Pennsylvania German parentage, who came in the very early days with her parents from Pennsylvania to Vermilion. Some time after their marriage and after the birth of three children they moved to Townsend Township in Erie County, where they bought fifty acres of heavily wooded land. Like their neighbors, then sparsely settled over that country, they erected a rough log cabin, and devoted many years to the improvement and cultivation of their farm. Subsequently they moved to Lorain County, where John Burdue died at the age of seventy-nine, a short time before the Civil war. His widow died at Weston in Henry County, Ohio, when past eighty. Their early home in Huron County was in the midst of timber noted for its great size. It is recalled that a chestnut tree that stood near the home was eleven feet in diameter, and there were many other giants of the forest on their land. Before they left the county they had cleared a large part of this farm, and in this way performed an important share of the heavy pioneer labor. John and Rebecca Burdue were the parents of four sons and two daughters: George, Fred and Nancy, who were born in Vermilion Township of Erie County; Margaret, William and Henry, who were born in Huron County. All these grew up and married and had children of their own, and are now deceased.

George Burdue, father of Lafayette Burdue, was born August 19, 1823, spent his early life in Townsend Township of Huron County, and was there married to Betsy E. Robison, nee Studley, who was born in Richland County, Ohio, in May, 1817. She died in Huron County April 20, 1902, while her husband passed away December 20th of the same year. She had been reared in Richland County and was there when the historic cyclone devastated that section and performed so many remarkable freaks with people and homes.

After their marriage George Burdue and wife located on a farm in Townsend Township, and operated that small estate the rest of their lives. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and he

was a democrat. Their children: James N., who died after his marriage and left one son; Percy, who died after his marriage; Franklin, who is a widower now living in Galion and has two sons, James and Hughy; Lafayette; Sarah Almina, who is the wife of Bion Ames of Townsend Township, a farmer there, and they have two daughters, Ella and Ina; Newton, who died at the age of twelve years; and Nelson, who died at eighteen months old.

It was in Townsend Township of Huron County that Lafayette Burdue was born December 3, 1850. His youth was spent in that section, where he attended the public schools, and having become thoroughly acquainted with farming enterprise subsequently adopted that as a permanent vocation, though he also worked at a trade, as will be mentioned. In November, 1887, Mr. Burdue came to Erie County and bought twenty-five acres on the State Road in Berlin Township west of Berlinville. There are many changes and improvements that can be credited to his enterprise since he occupied the farm, and a portion of it has been set to fruit. While the farm is not large, it has been so intelligently managed as to afford a good home and a means for the ample support of himself and family. His farm is the old Oliver Peak home. In his early manhood Mr. Burdue learned the mason's trade, having served an apprenticeship of three years under William Ames, and thereafter followed that as a vocation conjointly with farming until about ten years ago. He was regarded as one of the most capable workers with stone, brick and plaster.

In Milan Township of Erie County Mr. Burdue married Matilda A. Gambee, who was born in that township May 8, 1851, and was reared and educated there. She was a thrifty and devoted companion until her death on January 10, 1915. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and that is also the church home of Mr. Burdue. In politics he is a democrat, and has affiliations with several orders. He belongs to Erie Lodge at Milan of the Masonic Order, to Edison Chapter No. 112, R. A. M., at Milan, to the Chapter of Eastern Star, and is also a member of the Patrons of Husbandry at Milan. Mr. and Mrs. Burdue united with the Presbyterian Church at Milan in 1911.

George L. Sprankel. The quiet life and substantial accomplishments of the farmer have been the lot of George L. Sprankel, though for a number of years he was also engaged in business as a dealer in general implements. By his enterprise he has accumulated sufficient against the days that are to come, and the respect in which he is held is not less than his material accomplishments. He is now retiring from business as an implement dealer.

The home of Mr. Sprankel and family comprises 110 acres of farm land at Shinrock. The farm is well improved with two sets of buildings. It is land of the highest fertility, with clay subsoil, and capable of growing large and abundant yields of corn, wheat, oats and potatoes. Mr. Sprankel usually plants from eight to ten acres of potatoes and gets a yield as high as 300 bushels per acre. He also cultivates clover and has some excellent pasturage. Most of his land is thoroughly underdrained. He gives his attention to only the better grades of stock. He has a large and comfortable home in the Village of Shinrock, and his house has been virtually rebuilt since he first took possession. His home has been in Shinrock for sixteen years.

George L. Sprankel was born in Erie County February 18, 1865, and has spent practically all his life in the Township of Berlin. With the exception of twenty years spent as a farm implement dealer he has devoted all his time and attention since reaching manhood to farming. His parents were Henry and Elizabeth (Zeller) Sprankel, and complete

information regarding that old and honored name in Erie County will be found on other pages. Mr. Sprankel was reared in a good home and educated sufficiently to handle business affairs and to make him known as a man of intelligence and of general information. The habits of thrift and industry to which he was trained as a boy have served him especially well in his business career.

Mr. Sprankel was married in Berlin Township to Miss Anna K. Homan, who was born in Germany forty-eight years ago, and both her parents died there when she was young. She came to this country when seventeen years of age, and for several years made her own way in the world, and well deserves the comforts of a good home and has proved a devoted mother and an excellent helpmate to her husband. They have a family of three children. Amelia, who was educated in the grade schools of Berlin Township and is still at home; George, aged twelve, and now in the eighth grade of the public schools; and Fred H., also in school. Mr. and Mrs. Sprankel are members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics he is an independent voter though he gives allegiance to the democratic party.

Tuttle Youngs. One of the most purposeful and productive lives spent within the limits of Erie County was that of the late Tuttle Youngs, who was born at Sempronius, Cayuga County, New York, January 20, 1832, and died on his beautiful estate near Shinrock in Berlin Township June 7, 1896, when in his sixty-fifth year. Along with the industry and enterprise which secures the best in material affairs, he had the sincere and high minded character which illuminates the life of a man in whatever sphere he expends his labors.

His parents were thrifty, hard working and honorable farming people of New York State, and from them he doubtless inherited many of the admirable qualities which were exemplified in his own career. His parents were James W. and Roxanna (Tuttle) Youngs, both natives of New York State. His mother was a sister of Nathan Tuttle, whose son, Hudson Tuttle, gained distinction not only in Ohio but elsewhere as an author and lecturer. The parents of Tuttle Youngs spent their lives in New York State and were quite old when they died.

Growing up in his native state, Tuttle Youngs received a moderate amount of schooling and was trained to farm work under the direction of his father until twenty years of age. He then came out to Ohio, early in the '50s, and found work at the carpenter trade for a time, and then entered the employ of Isaac T. Reynolds, one of the best known farmers and successful old time citizens of Erie County, now deceased. After seven years of steady employment, in which he commended himself not only to his employer but to the respect of the community, he was induced by Henry Hine, an extensive land owner, to purchase a farm, since Mr. Hine was much impressed by the ability and worth of the young man and was willing to help him in getting a start. After he had worked and paid for his first tract of seventy-eight acres, he found a capable helpmate in a young woman of that community, a member of one of Erie County's oldest and most prominent families, and together they started the improvements which have since eventuated in one of the most beautiful farms to be found in Erie County. This farm is now occupied by Mrs. Youngs, with her son as its capable manager. In the course of his lifetime the late Mr. Youngs put nearly all his land under the plow, and erected fine farm buildings, including a modern eight-room house. Hardly any land in the county shows superior soil, and it has been thoroughly drained and brought to the highest degree of productiveness. At this work for many years Mr. Youngs continued

his active career, and was not only a large crop grower but always kept good stock and exercised the utmost care in its handling.

In his political actions he was a republican, but consented to hold only one official position, that of township trustee for several terms. He was a Christian in the principle of conduct rather than by creed. He was very domestic, and his home was the central point of his life's interests and affections. From the time of his marriage it is said that he was never absent from home or his wife a single night, excepting when he at one time took a trip to Chicago.

On January 31, 1861, Tuttle Youngs and Miss Mary Ann Sprowl were united in marriage. She had lived up to that time in Huron Township, and was a sister of Thomas Sprowl, cashier of the First National Bank of Huron. Mrs. Youngs was born December 17, 1840, and received her early training and education in the schools of Huron and Berlin townships, and has spent nearly all her life within a mile or so of her present beautiful home.

A great deal might be written about the Youngs place, known as Maple Street Home. The township has no better developed or more attractive property than this. It takes its name from the beautiful avenue of maples which in their sturdy grace and beauty comprise a monument to the late Tuttle Youngs. He set them out along the road in 1862 and since then they have grown into large and beautiful trees. In April, 1861, a few weeks after his marriage, Mr. Youngs spent his last 50 cents after getting established in his new home to buy two cherry trees. These he planted in the front yard, and for fifty-four years one of these has stood, blossoming and bearing fruit almost every season. Only recently a wind storm destroyed the companion tree. In the first year following their marriage Mr. Youngs worked from daylight often far into the night getting his land cleared up and his home satisfactorily improved, and his loyal wife was a constant source of encouragement as well as practical aid to him in all his efforts.

Mrs. Youngs represents some of the oldest established families in Erie County and is a daughter of John A. and Betsey J. (Miller) Sprowl. Her father was born in New Jersey March 25, 1813, and came to Erie County when nineteen years of age, locating in the vicinity of the present Berlin Heights. His wife had the distinction of having been born at Berlin Heights March 3, 1819. After their marriage they settled in a little frame house which he had built on a clearing completely surrounded by heavy timbers. There he lived and worked and after an active and honorable career died December 8, 1884, followed by his wife on August 13, 1896. Their efforts had succeeded in clearing away and putting in cultivation fifty acres of fine land and their later years were spent in comfort and with every convenience which they could desire. Both were members of the Christian Church and in politics he was a republican and a man highly respected because of his dominant characteristics of fulfilling to the utmost letter and spirit every promise he made.

Mr. and Mrs. Youngs became the parents of one son, Jay Reynolds, who was born February 10, 1867. He was carefully reared and educated, attending the Berlin Heights High School and has always lived on the home farm and since the death of his father has carried forward its improvements and its cultivation with a generous degree of success. He married Sabina Ritz, a daughter of John Ritz, one of Erie County's well known citizens. She was born, reared and educated in Berlin Township. They have one daughter, Mylitta, the only grandchild of Mrs. Youngs, and born November 3, 1900, and now a student in the Berlin Heights High School. The son is a republican voter.

J. Philip Bembower. The name Bembower during the past thirty-five years has acquired some substantial associations with the prosperous agricultural community of Berlin Township. Mr. Bembower, though a native of Ohio, belongs to a thrifty and substantial German family, and as a farmer and citizen has lived up to the best traditions and reputation of this fine class of people.

Born in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, October 29, 1849, J. Philip Bembower is a son of Peter and Caroline (Studt) Bembower. His mother was the daughter of Abraham Studt, who came with his wife in the early '50s to America and lived and died in Cleveland, passing away at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Bembower, Abraham at the age of eighty-two and his wife at the age of eighty-five. After Peter Bembower and wife were married they left Germany in 1846, spent several weeks on the ocean in a sailing vessel, and from New York City proceeded by rail as far as Buffalo and thence by boat down Lake Erie to Cleveland. They bought a little farm east of the then City of Cleveland, but it is now all incorporated within the limits and every acre is covered by houses. In the present city the limits of the old Bembower farm are marked by St. Clair and East Fifty-fifth streets and north to the lake. On that homestead Peter Bembower and his wife lived for many years, improved the land and subsequently divided and sold many lots therefrom. The mother died there in July, 1880, when about three score years old, and the father subsequently came to visit his son in Berlin Township and died there on January 4, 1888, when in his sixty-ninth year. He and his wife and his wife's parents are all buried in the Woodland Cemetery in Cleveland. All were members of the Evangelical Church, and the father was a democrat in politics. The children were: Mary, who married Philip Venter, who died in January, 1915, in Huron County, and she died June 30, 1915. The next child in order of birth was J. Philip; John, now deceased, married Minnie Bollenbacher, who is also deceased, and their two children, Henry and Emma, are both married and living in Ohio. Elizabeth is still unmarried and lives in Cleveland; Nicholas went to Alaska, and while there was lost in the glaciers, being about fifty years of age at the time and a bachelor; Carrie, who lives in Cleveland, is the widow of Henry Gessner, and has two daughters and two sons.

In what was then known as East Cleveland J. Philip Bembower spent his early youth, and attended the public schools. His first regular work was as a carpenter, a trade which he followed until he came to Berlin Township in 1877, and bought the fine farm he now occupies on the Norwalk Road near Berlinville. His farm comprises ninety-two acres, all of it improved and with substantial buildings, comprising a red bank barn, 30 by 63 feet, and 24 feet high, and five other sheds and cribs. His home is one of the most comfortable dwellings in that part of the county, a two-story eleven-room house and surrounding these buildings is an orchard of four acres, set to peaches, apples, cherries and pears. Mr. Bembower has made a success as a farmer, and raises general crops and keeps good stock.

In the City of Cleveland he married Miss Caroline Bollenbacher, who was born in 1852 in Lime Township of Huron County and was reared and educated there, a daughter of Charles and Catherine Bollenbacher, who were born in Prussia, Germany, and came to the United States when young people. They were married in Lime Township and started housekeeping there on a farm. They died in Lime Township, her father in 1860 and her mother in 1873, when still in middle life.

They were members of the Lutheran Church and her father was a democrat. All the six children in the Bollenbacher family are still living and are married, their names being Jacob, Charles, Dorothy, Mrs. Bembower, Henry and William. They live in Huron County with the exception of Mrs. Bembower, and William is a hardware merchant at Bellevue.

Mr. and Mrs. Bembower are the parents of four children. Their daughter Augusta, who like the others received good advantages in the local schools, is living at home. Charles is a farmer in Berlin Township and married Louisa Gross of Norwalk. John is living at home and is assisting in the management of the farm. William graduated from the Norwalk High School in 1906, subsequently took his degree from the State University at Columbus in 1911, then became a teacher and was identified with his work as a missionary teacher in India for four years. The family are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and Mr. Bembower and his sons are democrats though often independent voters.

John Romell. What all men aspire to—a long and prosperous career, one filled with satisfying accomplishments of a material nature, the acquisition of standing and esteem in the community, a good home and honorable and useful children—is the achievement which serves to give special distinction to John Romell, who owns and occupies one of the fine rural homes close in to the Village of Berlin Heights. Mr. Romell, though he has lived more than three-quarters of a century, is still active and has a promise of many years of usefulness before him, a promise which his many friends and acquaintances hope will be realized.

A native of Germany, John Romell was born in Prussia July 14, 1838, of old German stock and ancestry. His father, John Romell, Sr., was a mason by trade, and died as a result of overwork when fifty years of age. Some years after John Romell came to the United States his mother died in the old country more than four score years of age.

Of this family the only one to identify himself with the United States is Mr. Romell of Berlin Heights. At the age of eighteen he started out alone, saying farewell to home and associations of his youth and embarking at Bremen and after a rough sea voyage of more than nine weeks was landed in New York City. After reaching Erie County he found work as a farm hand in the vicinity of Castalia. An evident willingness and capacity for hard work was his chief recommendation to those who employed him, but for several years he commanded only the usual wages prevailing for such labor, from $6 to $10 per month. Along with wholesome characteristics he had the habit of saving, and after a few years, in 1863, increased his obligations and responsibilities by his marriage to Elizabeth Alvatear. Mrs. Romell was born in Germany seventy-two years ago, and when nine years of age came to this country and to Erie County, and up to the time of her marriage was employed as a domestic in the homes of people in the Castalia neighborhood.

After his marriage Mr. Romell bought his first farm, comprising forty acres, in the vicinity of Castalia, but some years afterward bought another place in Huron County, and conducted it until 1891. He then came to the Village of Berlin Heights and for five years was well known to that community as proprietor of a popular hotel. In 1896 he bought thirty-four acres half a mile east of the village, and still owns that farm,

which has some excellent improvements comprising a good house and barns and an orchard of fruit trees. In 1905 Mr. Romell bought thirty acres nearby and part of it just outside the village limits of Berlin Heights. This is his present home, and he lives there surrounded with all the comforts and conveniences which make life pleasant. For many years he has had a reputation as a successful grower of the staple crops, including corn, wheat, oats and potatoes.

Mr. and Mrs. Romell have lived together as man and wife for more than half a century, and in that time their home has been blessed with the coming of a number of children, six of whom are still living. Orin is a farmer near his father's home in Berlin Township and was married but lost his wife; William lives on a farm near Shinrock, in Berlin Township, and his children are Mrs. Mabel Hine, George and Louise; John, Jr. is a farmer near Berlin Heights and has two children, Leona and Edward; Peter lives with his father and is still unmarried; Catherine is the wife of Thomas Conlen, who is proprietor of a summer resort at Put-In Bay, on Lake Erie, and they have an adopted daughter named Mamie; Libbie is the wife of Edward Sutton, cashier of a savings bank at Chicago Junction, Ohio, and their three children are Howard E., Harry and Symera. Mr. Romell and his sons are republican voters. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church.

Alva A. St. John. A native of the township in which he still maintains his home, Mr. St. John is a representative of one of the prominent and honored pioneer families of Perkins Township and has himself long been numbered among the substantial and influential farmers and stock-growers of his native county, where it may consistently be said that his circle of friends is coincident with that of his acquaintances.

On the old homestead farm of his father in Perkins Township Alva A. St. John was born on the 6th of December, 1848, so that he is rapidly approaching the age of three score years and ten, though with virtually unimpaired vigor of both mind and body and with unabated interest in the management of his fine farm and in the general affairs of the community. He is a son of James B. and Emmeretta (Mills) St. John, both of whom were born and reared in the State of Connecticut, which had original domination over the fine old Western Reserve in Ohio, of which Erie County is an integral part. The paternal grandfather of the subject of this review was Burchard St. John, and he was a member of a sterling old family that was founded in New England in the colonial era of our national history.

James B. St. John and his father both came from Connecticut in an early day to number themselves among the pioneer settlers of the Western Reserve. They established their home in the midst of the virgin forests of Erie County, and were numbered among the very early settlers of what is now Perkins Township, where they literally hewed out productive farms from the forest wilds, Burchard St. John and his wife having been venerable and honored pioneer citizens of the township and county at the time of their death. James B. St. John endured the full tension of arduous labor and hardships incidental to the pioneer days and by energy and indefatigable industry he eventually became one of the substantial farmers of Perkins Township, where he was influential in community affairs and was respected for his ability and his invincible integrity in all of the relations of life. He passed away at a venerable age, as did his wife, their memory being revered by all who came within the sphere of her gentle influence. Of the two children who still survive the honored parents the subject of this review is the younger, and the sister, Mary E., who still resides in Perkins Town-

ship, is the widow of William Hart, who was one of the successful farmers of this part of the county.

Alva A. St. John has been a resident of Perkins Township from the time of his birth and his early education was gained in the common schools of Erie County. His fealty and allegiance to the great basic industry of agriculture have never faltered and he has long held prestige as one of its progressive and successful representatives in his native county, his attractive homestead farm, not far distant from the City of Sandusky, comprising 121 acres of most fertile land, all maintained under effective cultivation, and the buildings and other permanent improvements on the place being of excellent order,—tangible evidences of thrift and prosperity.

Though he has had no ambition for political office Mr. St. John has always stood stanch forth as a liberal and public-spirited citizen and has been unswerving in his advocacy and support of the cause of the republican party. He attends and supports Calvary Church, Protestant Episcopal, in the City of Sandusky, of which his wife is a devoted communicant, their attractive home being a favored rendezvous for their host of friends in this favored section of the old Buckeye State.

On the 28th of September, 1871, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. St. John to Miss Fannie Devlin, who was born and reared in Huron Township, this county, a daughter of Walter and Jane (Foster) Devlin, both of whom were natives of Ireland and both of whom were residents for many years of Erie County, where they established their home in the pioneer days and where they continued to reside until their death. Mr. and Mrs. St. John have four children, concerning whom the following brief record is entered in conclusion of this review: Mary E. is the wife of Burton Pelton, and they reside in the City of Sandusky, as does also Jane, who is the wife of Roy Wiggins; and Ayers and James are associated in the general work and management of the old homestead farm.

William Hart. In studying a clear-cut, sane and well ordered career such as that of the late William Hart, there is no need for indirection or puzzling, for his character was the positive expression of a noble and loyal nature and he marked the passing years with large and worthy achievement in his chosen field of endeavor, though entirely free from ostentation and self-seeking. He was signally true in all of the relations of life and was resident of Erie County for many years before his death, which occurred at his fine farmstead home, in Perkins Township, on the 16th of November, 1907. He was one of the sturdy and honored representatives of the sterling class of German agriculturists who have contributed much to the civic and industrial development and progress of Erie County, and his character and accomplishment render most consistent the entering of this tribute to the memory of a good man and useful citizen.

Mr. Hart was born in Germany in the year 1831 and there received his early education. When about nineteen years of age he severed the ties that bound him to home and Fatherland and set forth to seek his fortunes in America, to which country he came without more than nominal financial resources but admirably fortified in energy, ambition and resolute purpose. After remaining for a time in the State of New York Mr. Hart came to Erie County, Ohio, and settled in Milan Township, where he eventually became the owner of a good farm and where he maintained his residence many years and where he reared a large family of children. He finally disposed of his Milan Township farm and removed to Perkins Township, where he purchased the well

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improved farm which continued to be his place of residence until the close of his life.

As a young man Mr. Hart wedded Miss Louisa Hess, and they reared a large family of children, many of whom still survive the honored parents and continued their residence in Erie County. For his second wife Mr. Hart married Miss Mary E. St. John, who was born and reared in Perkins Township and who is representative of one of the early pioneer families of Erie County. She is a daughter of James B. and Emmeretta (Mills) St. John, both of whom were born and reared in the State of Connecticut, representatives of sterling colonial families of New England. James B. St. John and his father, Burchard St. John, came from Connecticut in an early day to number themselves among the pioneer settlers of the historic Western Reserve in Ohio. They established their home in the midst of the virgin forests of Erie County and were numbered among the early settlers of what is now Perkins Township, where both passed the remainder of their lives and where both contributed their quota to the initial and arduous work of reclaiming farms in the midst of the forest wilds. James B. St. John was one of the prominent farmers and influential citizens of Perkins Township at the time of his death, in 1858, and his wife survived him by a number of years. Of their children only two are living,—Mrs. Hart and her brother, Alva A., who is a prosperous farmer of Perkins Township and who is individually mentioned on other pages of this volume.

Mrs. Hart was reared and educated in her native township, which has been her home during the major part of her life, though she has resided for varying intervals in the City of Sandusky, where she remained fourteen years, and in the township of Milan. She is a woman of most gracious personality and has a host of friends in the county that has ever represented her home. She still resides upon the fine homestead farm of her father and mother in the very house in which she was born. No children have been born of their union. The attractive home in known for its generous hospitality. Mrs. Hart attends the Baptist Church in the City of Sandusky, in which church she was married, and is a popular factor in church work and in the social activities of her home community. Her well improved farm comprises sixty acres and is one of the valuable properties of Perkins Township. the place being eligibly situated on the interurban electric line, and receiving service on rural mail route No. 1 from the village of Huron.

Charles C. Hoffman. The man who supplies practically every branch in commercial service, both buying and selling, at the Village of Shinrock, and who more than any other one individual has succeeded in placing that village on the map as an important trading center, is Charles C. Hoffman. He started modestly in 1899 with a small stock of general merchandise. He also handled grain for the farmers in that community and in 1905 saw the need of an elevator and built one with a capacity of 10,000 bushels. He now commands a large market, handling the grain and produce for the farmers miles around Shinrock, and there is hardly a commodity which could be mentioned which he does not buy or sell at some time in the course of the year. He handles about 100,000 bushels of potatoes annually. He also buys and sells coal and other supplies and deals extensively in all kinds of live stock. He feeds a large number of cattle, hogs and other stock every year, and has a specially equipped farm for this purpose, supplied with a large barn 40x80 feet. In the village his is the most conspicuous residence, a thirteen-room modern home, of attractive appearance and furnished with every facility for health and comfort. Nearby is situated a large barn.

It is one of the finest country homes in the county, and is just as modern as the residences of city dwellers, having hot and cold water, bath rooms, natural gas for fuel and lighting and there are a great many people who would well envy him the living comforts which he enjoys but which his remarkable business energy has well deserved. He also operates the old home farm in Berlin Township of sixty-two acres.

The Hoffman family is an old and prominent one in Berlin Township and his parents were John and Christina (Klinger) Hoffman, more detailed information concerning whom will be found on other pages of this publication. Charles C. Hoffman was born July 13, 1869, and grew up and received his education in the public schools of Berlin Township. He has been one of the hustling men of the county and since an early age has made his own way. He has a large stock of native business capacity, and unlimited energy to carry out to success everything he undertakes. In addition to the other business service which he has directed at Shinrock he was for a number of years incumbent of the local postoffice. He is a republican in politics and lends his support to anything which would benefit the community.

Mr. Hoffman was married in Berlin Township to Maude M. Allen. She was born at Richmond, Macomb County, Michigan, forty-six years ago, and was reared and educated in her native state. Her father, Addison Allen, died in Michigan seven years ago when at a good old age, and the mother is still living in that state. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are most hospitable, kind and genial people and are always ready to lead off in all local enterprises.

Richard Staley. During many years of residence in Perkins Township, Richard Staley has reached that enviable position where his word is accepted in business matters the same as a bond, and all his friends and acquaintances repose the utmost confidence in his judgment and integrity. Mr. Staley is well known as a farmer, stock raiser and stock dealer, and at the present time is serving as a member of the board of trustees of Perkins Township. His home is on Yankee Street, where he owns a farm of fifty acres, which he has acquired as a result of his own efforts and which he employs in farming and stock raising.

Richard Staley is a native of Herefordshire, England, where he was born March 31, 1871, a son of Richard and Sarah (Greenhouse) Staley. His parents were natives of England, and his father is still living in that country, in the seventy-ninth year of his life.

Richard Staley, who was one of a large family of children, grew up and received his early education in his native land. In his eighteenth year he came to the United States taking a steamer at Liverpool and landing at Philadelphia. He came on to Erie County and for four years worked for others in Berlin Township. He then removed to Perkins Township, and in a few years was in business for himself. In addition to farming he has become widely known as a cattle dealer, and has also handled a large amount of real estate, mostly farm lands.

Mr. Staley married for his first wife Hattie Matson of Perkins Township, a daughter of Norman Matson, a Perkins Township farmer. By this marriage there was one son, Donald M. After the death of his first wife Mr. Staley married Mary Haffner, who was born in Amherst, Ohio. She is the mother of five children: John J., George, Viola H., Willis E., and a baby yet unnamed.

Mr. Staley has been more or less a figure in political affairs in Erie County for a number of years. In 1914 he was a candidate for the nomination for county commissioner on the republican ticket, but after a friendly contest the nomination went to Henry Kelly of Milan Township. Mr. Staley in August, 1914, was appointed a trustee to fill a

vacancy on the board in Perkins Township, and is now giving much of his attention to those official duties. He is a stanch republican in politics, and a member of the Methodist Church. His course through life has been so directed as to gain the permanent ill will of no one, and at the same time he has made himself a positive factor in business and local affairs.

JULIUS HOUSE. Among the old and highly honored families of Erie County, Ohio, probably none is better known than that of House, of which a worthy representative is found in the person of Julius House, a prominent citizen and successful agriculturist of Perkins Township. Three generations of this family have contributed to the general advancement and development of this part of the state, the majority of the name having devoted their attention to the various departments of farming. All have been found to be men of honor and integrity, capable in the acquirement of personal independence and prosperity and conscientious in the performance of the duties of citizenship, and in these respects the one of whom present mention is made is no exception.

Julius House was born in Perkins Township, Erie County, Ohio, July 22, 1847, and is a son of Lindsey and Mary A. (Young) House. His grandfather, Julius House, for whom he is named, was born in Connecticut and became one of the earliest settlers of Erie County, Ohio, migrating here with his family and locating on a farm in Perkins Township at a time when this region was still in its primitive state. During the years that followed he experienced the usual hardships incident to the life of the pioneer in this state, but he was made of stern stuff and through hard and energetic labor succeeded in developing a farm from the wilderness and accumulating a competency. In the vicinity of what is now Perkins Church, he became one of his community's most influential citizens, served for a number of years in the capacity of justice of the peace, and was widely known in this region as "Squire" House. Both he and his wife died well advanced in years, and with the esteem of the people among whom they passed so long a period.

Lindsey House was born in Glastonbury, Connecticut, and was about three years of age when brought to Erie County, Ohio, by his father, Julius House. His education was limited to such advantages as were offered by the country schools of his day, and when he reached manhood he entered upon a career of his own in agriculture. The remaining years of his active life were passed in agricultural pursuits, and he was so successful in his operations that he was able to retire a number of years before his death, which occurred in his eighty-sixth year. He was not a seeker for political preferment, preferring the peaceful vocations of his farm to the activities of public life, but was nevertheless a man of influence in his community and a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Julius House has followed directly in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. He was given his early education in the district schools of Perkins Township, this being subsequently supplemented by a short course in the high school at Berlin Heights, and to this has been added the practical training that comes through experience and contact with men. When ready to enter upon a career of his own he chose farming, a vocation in which he has been engaged successfully all his life, and at this time is the owner of fifty acres, located near Perkins Church. He has improvements of a modern and substantial character, good and commodious buildings and up-to-date machinery, and his property evidences eloquently the presence of thrift, enterprise and good management. Mr. House is a public-spirited citizen who has

always been ready to do his full share in supporting beneficial movements, particularly of an educational character, and his stand on public questions as well as his straightforward manner of doing business, have gained him respect and confidence in his locality.

On November 28, 1872, Mr. House was united in marriage with Miss Mary Gannon, who was born in Ireland, to which union there have been born three children: Lindsey J., a resident of Columbus, Ohio; and Elon W. and Willard A., who are residents of Cleveland, Ohio.

Lewis W. House. A very enterprising and prosperous farmer and breeder of livestock, living on the old House homestead in Perkins Township, Lewis W. House is widely known not only as a representative of the best agricultural element of Erie County, but of one of the oldest and most highly respected pioneer families of this part of the state. The history of the House family is the history of farming in Erie County, for the founder of the name here came when this locality was covered with woods, and members of the family have kept pace with the advancement and development which has followed and still continue to hold prosperous positions in the agricultural world.

Lewis W. House was born on the farm on which he now lives, March 23, 1858, and is a son of Lindsey and Mary A. (Young) House, and a grandson of Julius House. The latter was born in Connecticut and several years after the birth of his son Lindsey emigrated to Erie County and settled in the woods in the vicinity of what is now Perkins Church, in Perkins Township. There he erected a small house, started the work of clearing and development, and after a number of years crowded with the experiences and hardships of the pioneer finally became the owner of a handsome and valuable property, a monument to his energy and faith. He was one of the influential men of his locality, serving in the capacity of justice of the peace for many years and was known throughout the vicinity as "Squire" House. A typical pioneer, honest, rugged and straightforward in character, in his death the locality lost one who had done much to insure its future prosperity.

Lindsey House was born in Connecticut, and was about three years of age when brought by his parents to Erie County, Ohio. His education was naturally somewhat limited, being confined to those advantages afforded by the primitive schools of early Ohio, but he became a well educated man and one who wielded a distinct influence in his community. He devoted his active years to the pursuits of the farm, and died well advanced in years, as did also Mrs. House, who was a native of Ohio. Their children were as follows: Altha, who is deceased; Laura, who is a widow of the late John DeWitt, of Perkins Township, and now lives at Sandusky, Ohio; Julius, who is one of the leading farmers of Perkins Township; Ada, who is the wife of Willard Curtiss, of Pasadena, California; Mina, who is the wife of A. A. Storrs, of Perkins Township; Marian, who is the widow of the late George B. Parker, of Perkins Township, and is living there; Lewis W., of this notice; and Rose V., who is the wife of Leonard Hill, of Perkins Township. Both Mr. and Mrs. House took an active interest in the work of the Perkins Methodist Episcopal Church, in which faith the children were reared.

The life of Lewis W. House has been a strictly agricultural one, and his entire career has been passed in the environment of the farm. He was educated in the public schools of Perkins Township, and as a youth engaged in the pursuits of the soil, which have continued to engage his attention to the present time. He is now the owner of sixty-two acres of good land, which he devotes to general farming, and his ventures

have proven successful because of the labor and intelligence he has expended on them. A devotee of modern methods, he is always ready to experiment with new ideas, but his practicality tends to make him loath to give up a tried method until he finds that the new one is better. He is a friend of education, is serving as a member of the school board of Perkins Township, and is a stalwart republican in his views and a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church. As business man, agriculturist and citizen he has qualified for a high place in the esteem and confidence of his fellowmen.

Mr. House married for his first wife Miss Jennie Parker, a sister of the late George B. Parker, of Perkins Township, and they had one daughter, Ada, who is now the wife of Byron Woolson, of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. House married a second time, his wife being Dollie Veader, who was born in Perkins Township, and they have eight children, namely: Guy W., Ethel, Byron, Annabelle, Rachel, Alta, Lois and Faye.

Frank Liles. The first concrete bridges constructed in Erie County were built by the well known contractor Frank Liles in Groton Township. In addition to his distinction as the pioneer bridge builder of concrete material in the county Mr. Liles has developed a large and extensive business as a contractor and builder in concrete work, and has a record of fifteen years in which he has used his facilities, equipment and service in the constructing of many bridges, culverts, sidewalks and also in road contracting, which is later years has become his primary specialty. Mr. Liles resides at Sand Hill in Groton Township, where he owns a commodious and attractive residence, and enjoys the honor and respect of the people among whom he has spent practically all the years of his life.

Born in Groton Township August 5, 1872, he is a son of the late John W. and Celia (Mitchell) Liles. His mother is now living near Sand Hill in Groton Township. The late John W. Liles was born in England, came to America in early life and after residing at several different localities in Erie County finally settled permanently in Groton Township, where he followed farming until his death in the early '70s. He was a well known citizen there, but died before accomplishing all the work of which he was capable.

Frank Liles was only a child when his father died and he grew up under the direction of his widowed mother, living both in Oxford and Groton townships, and gaining his education from the public schools of those localities. He has been a hard worker all his life, and after some varied experience in other lines finally took up the business of contracting in concrete work in 1900. Thus he has for fifteen years operated as a builder in that now familiar material, but when he began he was among the first in Northern Ohio to apply concrete successfully to such constructions as bridges. There are three bridges along the Smith Road in Groton Township which represent his pioneer effort and are said to be the first of that material constructed in Erie County.

On March 2, 1897, Mr. Liles married Miss Jessie Waldock of Perkins Township. They have two children: Anna G. and Francis. Mr. Liles and family enjoy the social regard of the community in Groton Township, and as a business man he is exceptionally enterprising and successful.

Louis Ebert, Jr. One of the citizens of Oxford Township well fitted for the role of agriculturist is Louis Ebert, Jr, who has spent all his life in this county, and after a period of hard work and self denial has gained an independent position and now operates an excellent farm and carries on business as a wholesale butcher.

Born in Sandusky December 17, 1869, he is a son of Louis and Catherine (Herbel) Ebert, both of whom were natives of Germany. His parents now reside in Oxford Township, his father sixty-eight and his mother sixty-four years of age. The father came from Germany to America with his parents when he was a small boy, and the family located at Sandusky fully sixty years ago, and after he reached his maturity he engaged in farming in Oxford Township and also carried on a butcher business. He is in politics a democrat.

Reared at the old home in Oxford Township Louis Ebert, Jr., acquired his education in the local schools, and at an early age started out in life on his own responsibilities. He married Miss Minnie Smith, who was born at Sandusky, a daughter of Joseph Smith, a late resident of Perkins Township. To their marriage were born seven children, two of whom died in childhood and the five now living are: Irene E., Merribell, Myrtle R., Louis J. and Norman W.

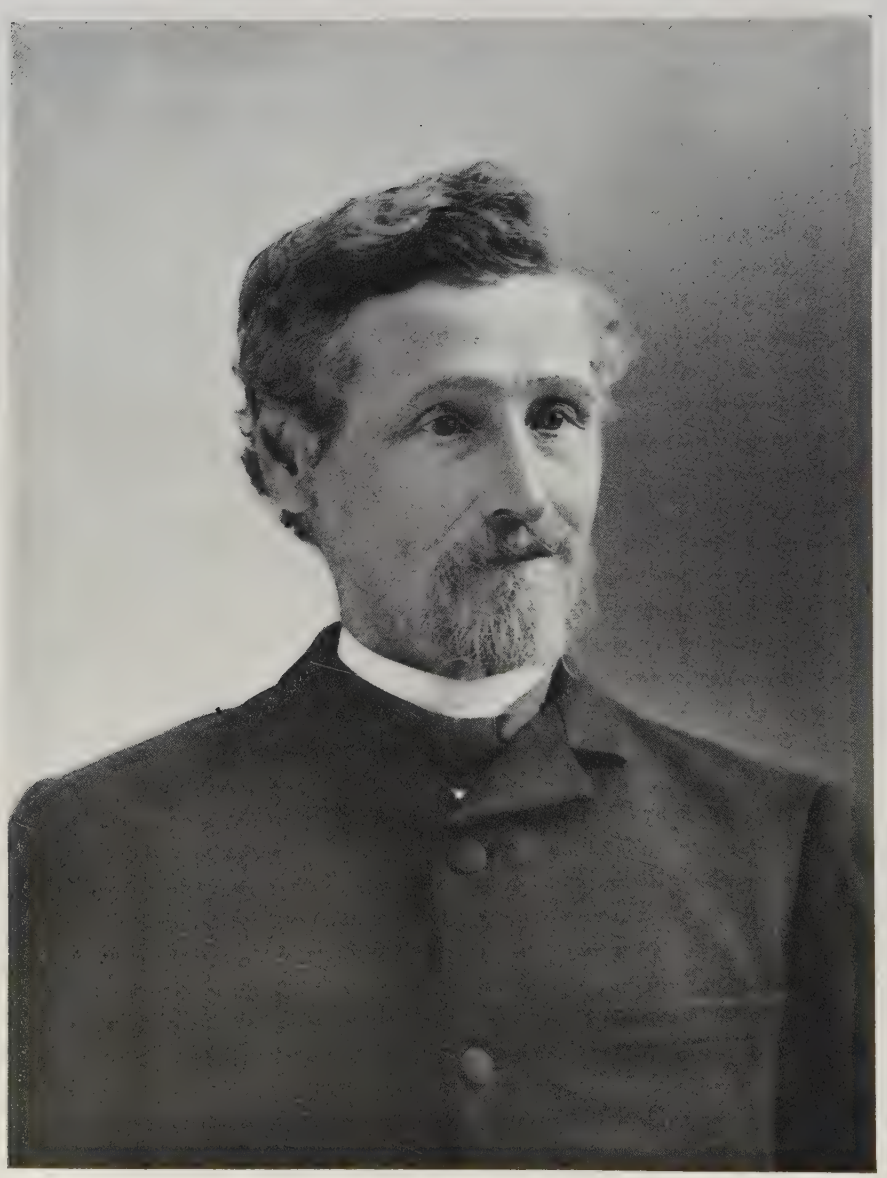
For three years Mr. Ebert served as a member of the board of education of Oxford Township. He is a democrat in politics. His agricultural operations are conducted on an excellent farm of fifty-eight acres, and he supplements that industry by his wholesale butcher business. He is affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees at Bloomingville, and is one of the men of his township who favors everything that will give better schools, better roads, and improved conditions generally.

Frederick P. Gastier. Foremost among the well known and highly regarded men of Groton Township may be mentioned Frederick P. Gastier, prominent farming man and a member of the local board of education. Mr. Gastier has lived in Erie County all his life. He was born in Oxford Township on December 4, 1864, and is a son of John F. and Catherine M. (Schaffer) Gastier, both natives of Nassau, Germany.

John F. Gastier came to American shores in 1863, settling in Oxford Township, Erie County, and he is living there at the present writing (1915). His faithful wife died in October, 1912, and he is now in his seventy-seventh year. Of their ten children eight are living today. Frederick P. of this review is the eldest. Sophie, the wife of William Seiple, lives in Richfield Township, Huron County, Ohio. Catherine married Albert Scheid and they have a home in Oxford Township. William also lives in Oxford. Charles is in Bellevue, Ohio. Emma is the wife of E. Spade, of Bellevue. Henry lives in Groton Township. Louise is the wife of John Lindsley, and they live in Perkins Township.

Frederick P. Gastier was reared in Oxford Township, and from his boyhood on he was trained to agricultural activities. He had such education as the schools of the township afforded, and he has added much to that training as he has gone through life. On February 24, 1890, he married Catherine Schamp, who was born in Oxford Township and is a daughter of Peter Schamp, late of Oxford, and one of the earliest settlers in that community. Three children have been born to the Gastiers. Laura, the eldest, is the wife of Kent Rockwell, of Milan Township, this county. Carl L., who married Margaret Neill, lives in Groton Township, and Frederick W. is at home.

Mr. Gastier owns a good farm of eighty acres, well stocked, highly cultivated and abundantly fruitful. He is known to be one of the most successful farmers in the county. For some years past he has given valuable service as a member of the board of education in Groton Township. He and his family have long had membership in the Evangelical Association, and have lived exemplary lives in their home community. Always a public-spirited man, Mr. Gastier has been a leading spirit in any forward movement that has been inaugurated in the community, and especially has the cause of education been fostered in the township through his activities.



DANIEL N. HINE

Jerome P. Hine

Mr. Gastier is a member of the K. O. T. M. at Bloomingville, Ohio, and he is independent in politics. His relations with his townspeople have always been of the most amicable order, and with his family he enjoys the genuine regard of the community at large. The family name is honored where it is known, and it stands for social integrity and good citizenship throughout the township.

JEROME P. HINE. As a breeder and raiser of the Aberdeen Angus cattle, Jerome P. Hine has long had a reputation far beyond the limits of Erie County. Many years ago his father introduced into Ohio the first registered cattle of this breed direct from Scotland, and the subsequent enterprise which has grown up from this beginning is only one of the many important contributions made by members of the Hine family to the wealth and progress of Erie County. Mr. Hine's stock farm in Berlin Township near Shinrock postoffice is a model place of its kind and its improvements and adaptation to the uses of modern stock raising are the results of an exceptional degree of skill and study on the part of Mr. Hine.

Only a few names in Erie County date back further than the Hine family, and while they have lived here for nearly a century their home on American soil dates back nearly three hundred years. Record is found of Thomas Hine and his wife Elizabeth at Milford, Connecticut, as early as 1640. Thomas probably came from Ireland but of Scotch ancestry. One of his children was Stephen Hine, who was born October 26, 1663. Alexander, son of Stephen, was born February 10, 1698, and died at the age of sixty-eight. He married Mary Lines of New Haven, Connecticut, and they both died at Milford. Among their children was Daniel, born May 7, 1734, and died June 4, 1798. He married Ruth Alling at New Haven, who was born October 8, 1738, and died June 13, 1777, of the smallpox. The next in this lineage was Daniel, Jr., who was born March 17, 1763, and died in Connecticut in 1805. He lived for many years at New Bethlehem. His wife, Abigail Cowles, was born August 20, 1765, and died at Berlin Heights in Erie County in 1836. Of the children of Daniel and Abigail, two of the sons, Jared, born in 1788, and Amos, born in 1790, came as early as 1816 by way of river, canal and lake, to Vermilion Township in Erie County. They acquired tracts of the fire lands in Berlin Township, all of which at that time was a primeval wilderness. In 1818 the mother of these pioneers and other children came out to Erie County. Of those who came in 1818 there were Sheldon, who was born April 5, 1792; Permelia, who was born in 1795 and in 1812 had married Amos Bishop; Nathaniel, who was born in 1797; and Charles, born in 1800. All of these children acquired landed possessions and developed new farms in Erie County, Nathaniel having located in Vermilion Township, while the others were early settlers in Berlin. In that generation farming was the regular vocation of the family, and it is doubtful if any other single family furnished more substantial and useful citizens to this wilderness community than the Hines. All the children above mentioned were married and had families and spent their lives in Erie County.

Of these, Sheldon Hine, grandfather of Jerome P., located on a wild farm at the foot of the hill near the Village of Berlin Heights on Old Woman's Creek. He died there in 1846. One of the results of his enterprise is still standing as solid as a rock, the old homestead which he constructed in addition to clearing the forest and improving the fields comprised within his farm. He was a man of more than ordinary importance in the community. Near his home he erected a sawmill, and from the timber on his own land sawed the lumber which went into the home already mentioned and which was built about 1840. He performed

a similar service for two of his sons on other farms in that community, and in 1848 his sons supplied the lumber for the construction of the home of the son, Daniel N., now owned by Jerome P. Hine. Sheldon Hine was married May 5, 1815, at Bethlehem, Connecticut, to Sallie Osborn. She was born in Connecticut April 7, 1798, and died at the home of a son in Indiana in 1882, and now lies beside the body of her husband in the old Union Cemetery in Berlin Heights. A brief record of the children of Sheldon and wife is as follows: Lucius A., born February 22, 1819, became well known as a journalist and novelist, and died at Loveland, Ohio; he married Helen Chapin, who was born at Ithaca, New York, in 1828, and is still living at Loveland. Horatio, the second in the family, was born August 10, 1821, and died in De Kalb County, Indiana, December 15, 1896; his first wife was Cynthia B. Brooks, who was born in 1825 and died in 1853, and in 1857 he married Jane L. Brooks, a sister of his former wife, who was born in 1831 and is now living near Auburn, Indiana, where Horatio Hine was for many years a successful land and timber operator. The third child in the family was the late Daniel N. Hine, whose career is sketched more fully in following paragraphs. Julia, born May 10, 1827, was married in 1847 to a member of the Burnham family mentioned elsewhere. Theodore B., born July 25, 1829, lived for many years on the old homestead, became a vinegar manufacturer and subsequently prosecuted the same industry at Toledo, where he died in February, 1904; he married Lovina C. Reynolds, who was born in 1851 and is now deceased. Lemon G., who was born April 14, 1832, and recently died at Washington, D. C., was a prominent lawyer and was especially well known in the business world as the organizer and the president of the Merganthaler Linotype Machine Company in America. Laura F., born October 28, 1836, and died at Denver, Colorado, in 1881, was twice married, her second husband being Col. Edward Powers, who was an officer in the Civil war.

Daniel N. Hine, who was born in Erie County January 1, 1825, and died in Florida December 4, 1903, was in his time one of the foremost leaders in agricultural enterprise in Northern Ohio. As a farmer he acquired the ownership of 148 acres of land in Berlin Township, seventy acres of which is now included in the home of his son Jerome. There in 1848 was built the substantial house already mentioned and which has served as the home of two generations. In 1887 Daniel Hine removed to Nashua, Florida, where for many years he was engaged in the growing of citrus fruits. In 1881 he had made a trip to Scotland, where he bought seven head of registered Aberdeen Angus cattle, and these were the first specimens of that breed, noted for their value as meat cattle, to be brought to Ohio. He subsequently was one of the promoters of the Aberdeen Angus Breeders' Association in America, and in 1887, when he removed to Florida, transferred his membership to his son Jerome, who is still a member of that organization and for nine years served as a director. Daniel Hine was a republican in politics, and a man whose activities and character made for himself a highly respected position in the community.

At Florence in Erie County November 11, 1848, Daniel N. Hine married Marinda Brooks, who was born June 25, 1828, in Florence Township, and died at her home in Berlin Township November 13, 1894. Her parents were John and Adaline (Squires) Brooks, who came from New York State, and their marriage on March 15, 1818, was the first event of that character to be celebrated in Florence Township of Erie County. John Brooks was a pioneer farmer, but was perhaps best known for his skill as a hunter, and in the early days hunted all through the woods of Erie and surrounding counties. He and his wife lived to advanced age and died in Erie County. Early in her life and before her marriage

Mrs. Hine was a successful teacher in both Erie and Huron counties. That was in the day of the subscription school, and she was paid for her services a dollar a week and received board in the homes of the children who were her scholars. Her mother possessed the first two silver spoons that were made in Erie County, having been pounded out of silver dollars. Another interesting relic which belonged to Mrs. Hine and which is now a cherished possession of Jerome Hine is the necklace of a peculiar old-fashioned style, with gold bound ebony, which was made in England, and was originally an article of adornment for Mrs. Hine's grandmother. A concise record of the children of Daniel Hine and wife is as follows: Viola J., born October 10, 1849, is the wife of Charles E. Thorn, now director of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station at Wooster, Ohio. Arthur B., born October 19, 1852, is married and living at Los Angeles, California. Nora A., born April 26, 1860, was for a number of years a teacher and died unmarried at Pasadena, California, February 21, 1904. Lucius A., born August 17, 1862, is now president of the Hine-Watt Manufacturing Company at Chicago, manufacturers and jobbers of automobiles, motorcycles, bicycles and accessories and supplies, lives at Highland Park, near Chicago, and by his marriage to Winifred Otis has two sons. Bessie Douglas, born July 7, 1865, was married May 25, 1887, to John H. Galbraith, who is a graduate of the Ohio State University and is well known as a journalist, being assistant editor of the Columbus Dispatch and a correspondent for many newspapers; they are the parents of three sons.

Jerome P. Hine was born September 12, 1867, at the old Hine homestead, which was also the birthplace of the other children. From early boyhood his inclinations were toward agriculture and stock raising, and after finishing his education in the Milan Normal School and the State University at Columbus he entered actively upon his chosen career. He is the owner of seventy acres in the old farm, and as already noted his specialty has been the breeding of Aberdeen Angus cattle. The Hine farm has sent out some of the finest specimens of this breed, and among stock raisers generally the farm has long had a standard reputation. For a number of years Mr. Hine exhibited his Aberdeen cattle all over the United States. In 1891 he took the grand prize for his herd in competition with exhibitors from all over the country, and both before and since his cattle have won many blue ribbons in local and state exhibitions. The farm has all the equipment necessary for high grade stock farming and its handsome improvements constitute it one of the show places of Berlin Township. Mr. Hine still continues his work as a farmer and stock breeder, and his enterprise in that direction has long been considered an important asset to the county. For two years he served as a lecturer before farmers' institutes.

Mr. Hine was first married to Emma Irene Tillinghast, who was born in Berlin Heights January 2, 1875, and died at her home December 26, 1902. There are no children by that marriage. On January 5, 1905, Mr. Hine was married at Green Spring, Ohio, to Miss Elva Light, who prior to her marriage had been principal of the Berlin Heights High School. She was educated in the academy at Green Spring and in the Ohio Northern University at Ada. Mr. and Mrs. Hine have a fine family of growing children whose names and dates of births are as follows: Florence Elizabeth, born March 22, 1906, and now in the fourth grade of the public schools; Daniel Light, born September 21, 1907, and in the third grade; Elva Irene, November 26, 1909; Thomas S., July 23, 1911; and Jerome Brooks, November 23, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Hine are members of the Congregational Church at Berlin Heights. He is an independent republican, is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Berlin Heights and of the Woodmen of the World at Shinrock.

Orrin H. Bristol. That Mr. Bristol is one of the leading exponents of modern and scientific husbandry in Erie County needs no further voucher than the statement that he is retained in the responsible position of manager of the magnificent landed estate widely known under the title of Woodside Farms, in Perkins Township. This finely improved estate, owned by Watson Butler, a prominent capitalist of New York City, is eligibly situated within a short distance of the City of Sandusky, at the south, and the efficient supervision that has been given to the property by Mr. Bristol has resulted in bringing it up to the best standard in all particulars and in giving him precedence as one of the most vigorous and progressive representatives of the agricultural and live-stock industries in this section of the state. He has retained his present executive post since December, 1912, and has proved distinctively the right man in the right place, the while his genial personality has gained to him the high regard of the community with which he has thus identified himself.

Mr. Bristol was born in Huron County, Ohio, on the 9th of January, 1865, and is a son of Charles and Olive (Rogers) Bristol, the former of whom was born in Monroe County, New York, and the latter in the City of Watertown, Jefferson County, that state. The father of Charles Bristol was a gallant soldier in the War of 1812, as a member of a New York regiment, and of collateral kinship to the Bristol family was the man who operated and gave his name to the ferry that in turn gave title to the town of Harper's Ferry, West Virginia,—an historic point in connection with the military operations in the Civil war. Family tradition amply justifies the claim that the lineage of the Bristol family traces back to sterling English origin, and there is authority also for the statement that representatives of the name were among the early settlers of the Massachusetts colony and owned a part of the land on which the City of Boston is now situated. Charles Bristol became a prosperous farmer and representative citizen of Huron County, Ohio, and there he and his wife continued to reside until their death, secure in the high regard of all who knew them.

Orrin H. Bristol was reared in his native county to adult age and from his boyhood to the present has maintained fellowship with the fundamental art and industry of agriculture. He was afforded the advantages of the public schools and in later years has profited to the maximum degree from the lessons gained through active association with the practical duties and responsibilities of a signally alert and useful life. For a number of years he was engaged in farming in an independent way, first in Huron County and later in Paulding County. In July, 1894, he entered the employ of William H. Butler, owner of the large and well known Furnace Farm, in Paulding County. This estate comprised at the time 1,500 acres, and there Mr. Bristol gained valuable experience in the conducting of agricultural and stock-growing operations on an extensive scale and according to the most approved and progressive policies. In 1899 he was made manager of the fine landed estate, and it was largely under his personal direction that much of the land was reclaimed from the forest into seven excellent farms which are now among the best in Paulding County. He continued his association with this enterprise until he assumed his present and equally responsible position, in December, 1912. The Woodside Farms comprise 200 acres and the estate is given over almost entirely to the raising of the highest grades of live stock, including pure-bred Percheron horses and Guernsey cattle, besides which special attention is given to the raising of the White Leghorn single-comb poultry, the farms having wide reputation in each of these departments of enterprise. Each year the farms also give an appreciable acreage to the various cereals, and every

detail of the work receives the personal and careful supervision of Mr. Bristol, who is an enthusiast in his vocation and who gives close study to the scientific phases of farm work.

It may naturally be inferred that a man of such vital energy and broad views could not fail to take a lively interest in community affairs, and Mr. Bristol is essentially progressive and public-spirited in his civic attitude, his political allegiance being given to the republican party.

Mr. Bristol has been twice wedded, his first wife, whose maiden name was Jennie M. Clark, having been born and reared in Huron County, and she is survived by one daughter, Cora, who is now the wife of William H. Leeper, their home being in the State of Washington. For his second wife Mr. Bristol married Miss Mary O. Swisher, of Darke County, this state, and they have two children, Myrtie O. and Ruth M.

Leonard C. Hill. One of the citizens of Perkins Township is Leonard C. Hill, a resident of this community throughout the forty-two years of his life. Mr. Hill is the owner of 189 acres of good land, accumulated through his own efforts, and two vocations, farming and the wholesale produce business, have occupied his energies and attention. In each venture he has been successful in building up a satisfying enterprise, and the fact that all that he has gained has been acquired without the aid of others, makes his career all the more commendable.

Mr. Hill was born on his father's farm in Perkins Township, Erie County, Ohio, October 23, 1873, and is a son of Charles W. and Lucretia (Hoyt) Hill, and a grandson of Hazen Hill, who was one of the early pioneers of Huron County, Ohio, where he took up a tract of land, developed a farm, and passed his career in the pursuits of the soil, dying on his original homestead. Charles W. Hill was born on the Huron County farm and was brought up to farming, in which he was engaged in Huron County at the time of the outbreak between the North and the South. In 1861 he enlisted as a private in an Ohio regiment of volunteers, and fought bravely as a soldier until the close of the Civil war, when he received his honorable discharge. Shortly afterward, Mr. Hill, having heard of the opportunities offered the ambitious in Erie County, came to this locality and after looking the ground over finally settled on the farm which is now occupied by his son, Leonard C. Perkins Township continued to be his home until the close of his life, which occurred in 1906. He was a man of thrift, honesty and industry, having probably inherited these characteristics from Scotch ancestors, and was favorably known in his community as a good and reliable citizen. He married Miss Lucretia Hoyt, a native of Perkins Township, and of their children four now survive: Oscar G., who is a resident of Huron, Ohio; Leonard C., of this review; Hattie L., who is the wife of Jesse Green, a farmer of Perkins Township; and Vernon W., whose home is at Sandusky.

Leonard C. Hill was brought up as a farm boy and spent his boyhood and youth on his father's place, where he was carefully trained in the numerous lessons necessary to be learned by those who would succeed as farmers. In the meantime his literary education was not being neglected, for the public schools furnished him with the foundation for this and later he attended the Sandusky Business College. After leaving the latter institution he returned to the parental roof, and at the time of his father's death, in 1906, took over the management of the farm, where he has since continued to carry on operations. He now has 189 acres of fertile soil under a high state of cultivation, and this he devotes to general farming, raising all the grains and other products for which this climate is suitable. His tract is supplied with comfort-

able and commodious buildings and every facility for conducting agriculture to the best advantage. As a citizen he has shown himself intelligent and enterprising, with the courage of his convictions and a broad knowledge of current affairs, and being thus favorably situated is a valuable man for any up-to-date community to possess. He is a warm supporter of the cause of education, and has served capably for three years as a member of the school board of Perkins Township, during which time he did all in his power to better the school system. In political matters he has always been a republican. Mr. Hill is a valued member of the local Grange, and has also shown his interest in fraternal affairs by his membership in the Knights of the Maccabees at Bloomingville, Ohio.

Mr. Hill was married to Miss Rose V. House, who was born in Perkins Township, daughter of the late Lindsey and Mary A. (Young) House. Her grandfather, Julius House, was one of the earliest pioneers of Perkins Township, and her father, who is now deceased, was brought here when three years of age and became one of the leading citizens and influential agriculturists of the township, his homestead being located in the vicinity of Perkins Church. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hill, namely: Hazen L., Lawrence L., Mildred J., Grant J. and Theodore.

Leroy J. Parker. Agricultural conditions in Erie County have changed to such an extent during the past several decades, that the enterprising and up-to-date farmer has been compelled to revolutionize in large degree, his methods of treating the soil. New discoveries have been made, powerful and intricate machinery has been invented and new innovations are constantly being introduced, with the result that he who would secure a full measure of success from his labors must keep himself fully conversant with the steady advancement that is being made. In Perkins Township, one who has shown himself capable of keeping abreast of the times and at the same time of serving his community in offices of public trust and importance is Leroy J. Parker, on the old Parker homestead, located on Sandusky R. F. D. 1. Mr. Parker has spent his entire life here, and was born on this property May 30, 1880, being the only son and child of George B. and Marian (House) Parker.

The Parker family originated in England, from which country came Joshua Parker, the grandfather of Leroy J. He located at Monroeville, Ohio, and subsequently was for a number of years engaged in farming in Huron County, where his death occurred. Born at Monroeville, George B. Parker was reared in Huron County, where he received a good education, and at the age of eighteen years came to Erie County, which continued to be his home ever afterwards. For a time he resided at Sandusky, but later moved into Perkins Township, locating on the farm which is now occupied by his widow. He was a skilled, industrious and thrifty farmer and was successful in the accumulation of a good property, on which he died September 23, 1914. For many years he served as a trustee of Perkins Township, winning the confidence and esteem of his community by the able and conscientious manner in which he performed his duties. Throughout his life, he supported the principles and candidates of the republican party, and was considered one of the "wheel-horses" of his party in this locality. He was a member of the local Grange and master therein. His religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which he attended as a member of Perkins congregation.

Mrs. Marian (House) Parker was born in Perkins Township, in 1856, and is a daughter of Lindsey and Mary A. (Young) House, and a granddaughter of Julius House. The latter was born in Connecticut,

and several years after the birth of his son Lindsey, emigrated to Erie County and settled in the woods of Perkins Township. There he passed the remaining years of his life in agricultural pursuits. He was one of the leading men of the community, served many years as justice of the peace, and was widely known as "Squire House." Lindsey House was also born in Connecticut and was three years of age when brought to Erie County and Perkins Township. He passed his entire life here in farming pursuits, accumulated a competency and gained a high place in the esteem of the community. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Atha, deceased; Laura, the widow of John DeWitt, of Perkins Township; Julius, a farmer of Perkins Township; Ada, the wife of Willard Curtiss of Pasadena, California; Mina, the wife of A. A. Storrs, of Perkins Township; Marian, who is now Mrs. Parker; Lewis W., of Perkins Township; and Rose V., the wife of Leonard Hill, of Perkins Township.

Leroy J. Parker received his early education in the public schools of Perkins Township, this being followed by attendance at the Sandusky High School. He next enrolled as a student at the Sandusky Business College, and when he had completed his course in that institution he returned to the home farm. As manager of this property he has brought it to a high state of cultivation, raising large crops and breeding good livestock, and the commodious buildings, the well kept fences and drains, the improved machinery and the general air of prosperity all testify to the presence of a capable guiding hand.

Mr. Parker married Miss Ada L. Steen, daughter of Charles Steen, of Perkins Township, and to this union there have been born four children: Glenn, Steen, Paul and Jenet. A republican in his political affairs, Mr. Parker has taken an active part in public life, and has served capably as clerk of Perkins Township for seven years and at present is deputy assessor. He is a valued member of the Perkins Grange, and has taken an active and helpful part in its work.

Herman W. Otto. A resident of Erie County since his childhood, Mr. Otto maintains his abode on his well improved farm lying contiguous to the City of Sandusky, in Perkins Township, and on the highway that is virtually a continuation of South Hayes Avenue of the metropolis and judicial center of the county. He is one of the progressive and substantial citizens of Perkins Township, earnest in support of agencies and measures that tend to advance the general welfare of the community, and held in high esteem in the county that has represented his home for more than half a century. His present farm, which comprises fifty acres, is one on which Mr. Otto at one time worked by the month. It is conducted as a dairy farm, in addition to its operations in diversified agriculture and the raising of a considerable quantity of fruit.

Mr. Otto was born on Long Island, New York, on the 13th of October, 1856, and is a son of Franz J. M. and Sophia (Hutter) Otto, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in England, where their marriage was solemnized. The parents immigrated to America in the early '50s and remained for some time on Long Island, after which they resided in the interior of the State of New York until their removal to Erie County, Ohio. After passing an interval in what is now the City of Sandusky, they removed to a farm in Perkins Township, and here they passed the remainder of their lives, the father having passed away in March, 1911, and the mother's death having occurred about 1890. Concerning their surviving children the following brief data are given: Franz T. is now a resident of the State of California; Jennie A. resides in the City of Sandusky; Fredericka H., Clara J. and

Herman W. are all residents of Perkins Township; and Albert G. is a representative attorney at law in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana. The father was a man of sterling character, well fortified convictions and utmost civic loyalty, his support having been given to the cause of the republican party and he having been one of the honored pioneer citizens of Perkins Township at the time of his death.

Herman W. Otto was reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm and was afforded the advantages of the public schools of the City of Sandusky. He has made a success as a farmer, dairyman and man of affairs, and is one of the influential citizens of Perkins Township, where he has served ten years as a member of the school board, of which he has been the president since 1911, his political allegiance being given to the republican party and his co-operation being given in all things tending to promote the social and material prosperity and progress of the community.

Mr. Otto chose as his wife Miss Franceska Oswald, who was born and reared in Sandusky and who is a daughter of the late Andreas Oswald, an old and honored citizen of that place. In conclusion is entered brief record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Otto: Walter H. and Elmer B. are identified with business enterprises in the City of Sandusky; Jennie is the wife of Norman Ott, of that city; and Edith B., Eleanora J., Frederick J. and Alverna R. remain at the parental home, which is known for its generous and unostentatious hospitality.

Simon Reis. Located within convenient transportation of the central market of Sandusky is the fine dairy farm of Simon Reis, on Rural Delivery Route No. 3, in Perkins Township. Mr. Reis is an enterprising young man who spent his early career in the City of Sandusky, but about sixteen or seventeen years ago turned his attention to dairying, acquired a farm, and is now proprietor of the attractive "Long Green Farm." It contains ninety-eight acres and is devoted to dairy purposes. It has been the steady purpose of Mr. Reis to furnish the highest grade of dairy products and his success is due to the carrying out of well matured plans looking to that end.

Simon Reis was born in Erie County, Ohio, August 10, 1870, a son of John and Mary Reis. Both his parents were natives of Germany, came to America many years ago, and after their marriage located in Sandusky, where they lived for several years and where the father died. Simon Reis spent his childhood and youth in Sandusky, attended the public schools of that city, and made himself useful and self-supporting from an early age. He is the architect of his own fortune and has never depended upon anyone else to make his fortune. In 1898 he removed to Perkins Township, and since that date has been actively identified with the dairy industry. His farm is on the Columbus Pike and he thus has a convenient route of transportation to market.

Mr. Reis married Miss Dora Linkebach, who was born in Sandusky, a daughter of Charles Linkebach, a late resident of that city. To their marriage has been borne one daughter, Minnie L.

Mr. Reis is a republican in politics, and has never withheld his support from any worthy enterprise in his locality. In November, 1913, he was elected a trustee of Perkins Township for one term, and has also served as a director of School District No. 5 in Perkins Township. He takes an interest in education, and accepts every opportunity to advance the welfare of his home community. He is successful as a business man, and is well known and enjoys the good will of a large acquaintance.

Albert Umber. Coming from his German Fatherland to America as a young man of sterling integrity and ambitious purpose, Mr. Umber

MRS. J. WILHELMINA RITZ

JOHN RITZ, SR.

has been a resident of Erie County for more than forty years and has here found ample opportunity for the achievement of definite prosperity through his well directed efforts in connection with the basic industries of agriculture and stock-growing. Now venerable in years, he is one of the highly esteemed citizens of Perkins Township, where he is living virtually retired on his well improved homestead farm of sixty-five acres. He still gives a general supervision to the farm, which has been brought to a high state of cultivation and is equipped with excellent improvements of a permanent order,—all this representing the results of the thrift and enterprise of Mr. Umber, who has been the owner of the property for fully forty years.

Mr. Umber was born in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, on the 19th of July, 1842, and is a scion of a family there established for many generations. He is a son of Casper and Catherine (Schlachter) Umber, both of whom passed their entire lives in Baden, where the father was a farmer by vocation. Albert Umber was but six years of age at the time of his father's death, but the position of the family was such that he was not thereby denied the advantages of the excellent schools of his native place. He received a good common-school training and continued to reside in the fatherland until he was about twenty-seven years of age, when, in 1869, he severed the ties that bound him to the land of his nativity and set forth to seek his fortunes in the United States. Soon after his arrival in the port of New York City Mr. Umber made his way to Ohio and became a resident of Erie County. He found employment in the City of Sandusky, where he remained until 1874, when he removed to Perkins Township, where he has continued his association with farming enterprises during the long intervening years and where he has achieved success that is worthy of its name. He has exemplified the energy and mature judgment for which our valued German element of citizenship has always been notable, has retained the confidence and good will of the people of the community that has so long represented his home, and is one of the substantial and loyal citizens of Erie County. He is a stanch supporter of the cause of the democratic party, and both he and his wife are zealous communicants of the Catholic Church, in which they hold membership in the parish of St. Mary's Church in the City of Sandusky.

In the year 1866 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Umber to Miss Louise Walchle, who was born in Switzerland, and they have six children, concerning whom the following brief record is entered: Louise is the wife of Frank Keller, a farmer of Perkins Township; Albertine is the wife of John Ott and they reside at Peru, Huron County; Rose is the wife of Charles Ott and they maintain their home in the City of Cleveland; Leona is the wife of Frederick Dehe of Sandusky; Bertha is the wife of Charles Holtz, of the same city; and Miss Clara remains at the parental home.

John Ritz, Sr. For fully sixty years John Ritz, Sr., has had his home in Erie County. Now in his eightieth year, he can look back upon many substantial accomplishments, and has the satisfaction of having acquired a liberal competence and having provided well for his children, giving each a good start in life. He himself came to Erie County with very little of this world's goods, and none of the older residents have spent their years more industriously, more uprightly, and have deserved a greater share of public esteem.

The Ritz family came out of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, where they were of the farming class and for several generations had lived quiet, sober and industrious lives. John Ritz, Sr., was born in that province April 29, 1836, a son of John and Elizabeth (Fike) Ritz, who were

natives of the same town and province. His father was born in 1811 and his mother in 1809, and they were married there about 1833. Of their five children all died young except John. On July 4, 1855, the parents and this one son took passage at Bremerhaven on the sailing vessel Wilhelminia, from which they landed in New York City August 24th and arrived at Norwalk, Ohio, on the 30th day of August in the same year. They soon after reached their chosen locality in Berlin Township, where they established themselves in a humble log cabin, with twenty-five acres of stump land. Out of this they evolved a home and a considerable degree of prosperity before the parents died. The father and son worked together for a number of years and accumulated more land until they owned eighty-five acres. On their first farm the parents lived for a number of years, then moved to another small place now owned by Charles Sipp, and there Mr. Ritz's mother died in the fall of 1886. His father about a year later returned to Germany with the intention of remaining there permanently, but in a few months became discontented and started again for America, taking passage in an emigrant boat where the passengers were so ill treated that, being then an old man, he was injured in body and health when he landed on May 6, 1889. Setting out for the home of his son he reached his brother's place in Norwalk and died there May 11th. He and his wife were confirmed members of the Lutheran Church.

The only representative of the next generation in Erie County, John Ritz, Sr., secured his early education in Germany and was about nineteen years old when he came to Erie County. In association with his father and independently he became a prosperous farmer and accumulated land from which he gave to his sons about 200 acres, and still owns a fine farm in Berlin Township on Rural Route No. 2 out of Huron, comprising fifty acres. Nearly all this land has been well improved under his management and it contains four different sets of farm buildings. He has laid many rods of tile and though the land has seen many years of successive cropping it is still highly productive and would bring as high price per acre as perhaps any other farm in Berlin Township. Mr. Ritz and wife have an attractive and comfortable home, an eight-room dwelling, and there is a large barn 36x60 feet. All the buildings are in good repair and as a farmer he has been successful in raising the staple crops of corn, wheat and oats.

On August 24, 1860, at Norwalk in Huron County, Mr. Ritz married Miss J. Wilhelmina Foss, who was born in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, May 13, 1828. Both her grandparents and parents spent their lives in Hanover, and were all quite old before they died. Her parents were Frederick and Maria (Lavas) Foss, and her father was a ship carpenter. It was a substantial German family and all were members of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Ritz was the only one of the several children born to her parents who reached maturity, and in 1857 in company with several other young women from the same neighborhood she took passage on the stanch sailing ship Cledo and four weeks later landed in Castle Garden. She came on west to Norwalk, Ohio, and there entered the domestic service of the well known banker, Mr. Gardner, and was also in the home of Mr. Pennewell until her marriage. She has been a most capable wife and mother, has shared with her husband the credit of their liberal prosperity, and the large family of children and grandchildren gladly pay her love and respect. John Ritz, Sr., and wife had nine children born into their home. The oldest, John, Jr., is a prosperous citizen of Erie County mentioned on other pages. Elizabeth is the wife of Charles Lander, another well known Berlin Township farmer. Emma is unmarried and living at home. Sabina is the wife of Jay Young, living at Shinrock in Berlin Township, and they have a daughter named

Mylitta. Fred, who lives at Norwalk, married Anna Burch, and their two children are Theodora and Aletha. Catherine is the wife of David Simpson, a merchant in Oakshade, and their daughter is named Agnes. Peter W. is a farmer in Berlin Township and married Lenore Abby. Theodore and Lewis are twins, both farmers in Berlin Township, and Theodore by his marriage to Nellie Burdue has two children named Robert and Lyle, and Lewis Ritz married Tessie A. Sarr, and they have a son and daughter, Olive and Eldred. Mr. and Mrs. Ritz were both reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, but are not regular members of any society of that faith.

JOHN JARRETT. Of a family that has been identified with Erie County through three generations, John Jarrett is a native son of the county, and for many years has been engaged in the well ordered enterprise of agriculture in Perkins Township. Mr. Jarrett is a business-like farmer, and a citizen whom the people of that community respect for his many sterling traits of character.

Born in Huron Township of Erie County September 3, 1868, John Jarrett is a son of Henry and Delia (Tillotson) Jarrett. His father was born in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, of English extraction, and when a child was brought to Erie County by his parents, who were among the early settlers. The Tillotson family is said to have originated in the Highlands of Scotland. Henry Jarrett was reared in Perkins Township, and on reaching years of maturity went out to Iowa, but remained in that state only a brief while, after which he returned to Erie County and bought a farm south of Bogart and was one of the prosperous agriculturists in that section until his death on April 29, 1897. His death came as a result of an accident which he received in Sandusky. He was a republican in politics and a member of the Perkins Methodist Episcopal Church. He was also affiliated with the Masonic order at Huron, and he was buried with Masonic ceremonies at Oakland Cemetery at Sandusky.

Mr. John Jarrett grew up in Huron Township, was educated in the public schools and also had the benefit of instruction in the normal school at Milan, and for a time was in the college at Ada. His chief occupation through his active career of about thirty years has been farming, and he now owns 133 acres in Perkins Township, a farm that is well improved with buildings and has been made to produce abundantly of general crops and stock.

On February 28, 1908, Mr. Jarrett married Marie Ray, who was born in Erie County, a daughter of the late John Ray, a resident of Huron Township. Mr. Jarrett is a republican in politics, and a public spirited citizen who puts himself behind any movement that is for the benefit of the community.

JOHN P. WALDOCK. About four miles out from Sandusky in Perkins Township on South Hayes Avenue, is the Waldock farm. It is owner and proprietor, Mr. John P. Waldock, has spent a very active career in Erie County, and for a great many years was associated with his father in the stock buying and butcher business. His activities are now those of a general farmer, and his business success is coupled with an uprightness of character and a public spirit which make him one of the effective leaders in Perkins Township.

His birth occurred in England sixty miles from the City of London, August 23, 1852. His parents were Frederick D. and Fannie (Green) Waldock, who were also natives of England, and the Waldocks have a lineage in that country extending back for a number of generations. In 1857 the family emigrated to America, and located in Erie County.

For a number of years their home was in Oxford Township, but later they came to Perkins Township and settled in the woods. While the Waldocks came after the first generation of pioneers, they lived in conditions that approached those of pioneer times, and added their share to the improvements which have transformed Perkins Township during the last century. Frederick D. Waldock became well known as a stockman and wholesale butcher, and conducted agriculture at the same time. He was practically the first to engage in butchering on a large scale in that part of Erie County. Though a poor man when he came from England he was prosperous in his endeavors and at the time of his death owned an estate of 365 acres. He was a republican in politics, a man of utmost public spirit, and he and his wife were among the founders and long active members of Sandhill Methodist Episcopal Church. Through his extended business relations he became known not only in Erie County but in adjoining sections of Northern Ohio. His death occurred October 12, 1911, and his wife passed away December 13, 1912.

Reared to man's estate in Perkins Township, John P. Waldock has possessed that self reliant nature which enables a man to succeed independently of circumstances. For his education he attended the Bloomingville public schools, but gained most of his knowledge by practical experience. In 1877 he married Lydia Koehler, who was born in Perkins Township, a daughter of Jacob and Annie (Easterday) Koehler, who were early settlers of Perkins Township. Her father was a native of Germany and her mother of Crawford County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Waldock have two children. Gladys A. is the wife of Jesse Hummel of Perkins Township. The son Eugene F. still lives in Perkins Township. Mr. Waldock and his family attend the Sandhill Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a republican in politics, and a fine type of public spirited citizen. For over a quarter of a century he assisted his father in the wholesale butcher business, and there should also be mentioned to his credit the work he did in helping to clear up about eighty acres of land and remove the timber and place it in cultivation.

Henry L. Scheid. Oxford Township has no more sterling citizen and practical man of affairs than Henry L. Scheid, who is now serving as township treasurer and during the last fifteen or twenty years has been variously identified, always helpfully and progressively, with local affairs. His father was one of the fine old citizens who came into Erie County from Germany, and Mr. Scheid now resides on and occupies the farm which his father hewed out of the wilderness in Oxford Township. As a farmer Mr. Scheid has the operations of 235 acres of land, and having made this industry profitable to himself has laid a substantial basis for the confidence which he enjoys as a citizen. Besides acting as township treasurer he is also a member of the board of education of the township.

He was born in that section of Erie County on August 8, 1866, being a son of the late Peter and Catherine (Heuser) Scheid. His parents were both born in the old Duchy of Nassau, Germany. Peter Scheid was still a youth when he came to America with a brother, and had been educated in the common schools of his native land. He lived for a time in Huron County and then settled in Oxford Township of Erie County on the farm now occupied by his son Henry. He was one of the early settlers of his nationality in Oxford Township, and pursued a long and industrious career until his death in October, 1905. Of his children six survive: Charles P. of Milan, Ohio; Henry L., of Oxford Township; Catherine, wife of G. W. Waldock of Perkins Township; Louis W. of Huron Township; Julia, wife of V. Pascoe of Sandusky;

and Alda M. of Milan. Peter Scheid likewise held the office of township treasurer in his time, and was also a trustee. His widow is now living at the age of seventy-three, residing at Milan.

Henry L. Scheid grew up on the farm where he now resides and attended the local schools, supplementing this education by further training in the private normal school at Milan. Since reaching manhood he has given his endeavors to farming as a vocation and now has one of the best improved places in Oxford Township, every building, fence and field giving evidence of his thrifty and capable husbandry. For a number of years he has been a member of the township board of education, served several years as president of the board, and still looks after the interests of the schools in his locality. His appointment as treasurer of Oxford Township came in May, 1915, but he had previously served two terms in the same office.

Mr. Scheid married Miss Louise Mowry of Oxford Township, daughter of John Mowry, a late resident of that locality. The mother is still living in the township. To their marriage were born five children: Ethel M., Catherine L., Dorothy, J. Peter and Robert. With his family Mr. Scheid is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church at Union Corners in Milan Township, and is one of the trustees of that congregation.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL. One of the well improved farms of Perkins Township is that owned by Mr. Marshall, who has been a resident of Erie from his boyhood days, though he claims Michigan as the place of his nativity, his parents having been residents of that state for only a few years.

Mr. Marshall was born in Calhoun County, Michigan, on the 20th of January, 1858, and is a son of Joseph and Lucinda (Chapman) Marshall, the former of whom was born in England, in 1821, and the latter of whom was a native of the State of Connecticut. Joseph Marshall was reared and educated in his native land, and in 1841, when twenty years of age, he came to America and establish his residence in Erie County, Ohio, where he continued to reside during the remainder of his life, save for a period of four years passed in Michigan. He was one of the prosperous farmers and highly esteemed citizens of Perkins Township for many years and here died on his old homestead, in the '90s, his wife having survived him by only a few months. Of their children three are living,—Hannah, who is the wife of Charles Keller, of Toledo, this state; Rose, who is the wife of Solomon Sheffel, a prosperous farmer of Perkins Township; and William C., who is the immediate subject of this review.

William C. Marshall was reared to adult age on his father's farm in Perkins Township and his early educational advantages were those afforded in the schools of the locality and period. He has been continuously identified with agricultural pursuits in Erie County and his excellent farm, which comprises forty-three acres, is under effective cultivation, with every evidence of thrift and prosperity, though its comparatively small area does not imply that the owner has not consulted expediency by concentration of effort and by obtaining the maximum returns for his well ordered endeavors as a general agriculturist and stock-grower.

Mr. Marshall is a man of strong individuality, is well fortified in his conviction and has the buoyant and genial temperament which ever begets popular confidence and good will. He is one of the progressive and public-spirited citizens of Perkins Township, is a stanch republican in his political proclivities, and he served four years in the office of township trustee, a preferment indicating the estimate placed upon him in the community that has so long represented his home. He and his

wife are active members of Perkins Grange, Patrons of Husbandry; he is affiliated with the lodge of Free & Accepted Masons in the village of Milan; at Bloomingville he is a prominent member of the Knights of the Maccabees of the World, in which he has held various official positions, including that of commander. He has achieved prosperity through his own efforts and he and his wife enjoy unalloyed popularity in the social circles of their home township.

On the 1st of January, 1884, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Marshall to Miss Lucy Graves, who was born in Huron Township, this county, and who is a daughter of Chester and Caroline (Sharp) Graves, the former of whom was born in one of the New England states and the latter of whom was a native of England. Mrs. Marshall was but seven years old at the time of her mother's death and was reared to adult age in the home of a neighbor family in Perkins Township, where she was afforded the advantages of the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have four children: Edna L. is the wife of Henry K. Zorn, of Sandusky; Earl J. is one of the energetic young farmers of Perkins Township; Raymond C. is employed in the City of Sandusky; and Ida A. is the wife of Floyd Coombs, of Sandusky.

James E. Post. A name that has been identified for more than half a century with the Great Lakes marine and the fishing industry is that of Post. James E. Post of Huron has been active as a fisherman in that village for a quarter of a century and now operates a business of his own, each year taking many tons of fish out of Lake Erie, and is also one of the substantial citizens of Huron, where he is serving on the village council. Mr. Post recently completed a beautiful modern home on Center Street, the best residential street of Huron, and there he and his family enjoy the comforts of modern life, their home being equipped with all conveniences, and it is also one of the attractive centers of social affairs.

Capt. John E. Post, father of James E., is one of the best known of the veterans in the lake and fishing service of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. His career covers a period of more than sixty years. He began as a fisherman when still a boy at Fairport, Ohio, and some years later became a sailor with his uncle Bliss Wilcox, and was finally graduated to the responsibilities of both captain and master. He had charge of one of the boats of his uncle for a number of years, and later became an independent operator as a fisherman, with headquarters at Fairport. His active career continued along those lines for forty years, in fact until his death at Painesville in Lake County twelve years ago. At that time he was sixty-eight years old. Captain Post was born in the State of Connecticut in 1834 of Quaker parentage. His father, Daniel Post, brought his family to Ohio in 1836, making the journey by land with wagons and ox teams as far as Buffalo, and then embarking on a small lake vessel which carried them to Fairport, Ohio. Daniel Post located on a farm near that village, improved his land, and continued to reside there until his death. He was seventy-two years old, while his wife reached the age of ninety-one. After they came to Ohio they transferred their membership from the Quaker Church to the Congregational Church.

After John E. Post became captain of a lake boat he carried the first cargo of iron ore shipped into the harbor of Lorain, Ohio. That was before the Civil war. He was one of the best known mariners on Lake Erie in his lifetime and had a large acquaintance in nearly all the harbors and lake towns of Northern Ohio. Mr. Post was married in Painesville, Ohio, to Margaret Allen, who was born in Lake County, Ohio, and died there in 1898 at the age of fifty-eight. She was a woman

of great worth, kindly character, and a devoted mother. Her children were as follows: Thomas, now a fisherman at Ashtabula, Ohio, is married and has two daughters; Elizabeth is the wife of John Gibson of Painesville, and has a large family of sons and daughters; the next in order of the children is James E.; Jasper lives in Cleveland and is married; Mary is the wife of Joseph Kieffer of Cleveland and has two sons and one daughter; Lena is the wife of George Watters of Ashtabula and has one daughter; John E., Jr., died at the age of four years.

James E. Post was born at Painesville, Lake County, Ohio, July 4, 1871, and up to the age of thirteen lived at home and had the advantages of the local schools. At that tender age he got his first experience as a practical sailor and fisherman, soon acquired a proficiency which made him invaluable to his father, and continued to be associated with Captain Post until 1890. In that year he removed to Huron and found employment as a fisherman and docks engineer, and that was his regular work until 1910. In that year Mr. Post became an independent operator in the fishing industry, and has an equipment for fishing with gill net and trap net. All his operations are in Lake Erie waters and his large catch sold to the Kishman Fish Company.

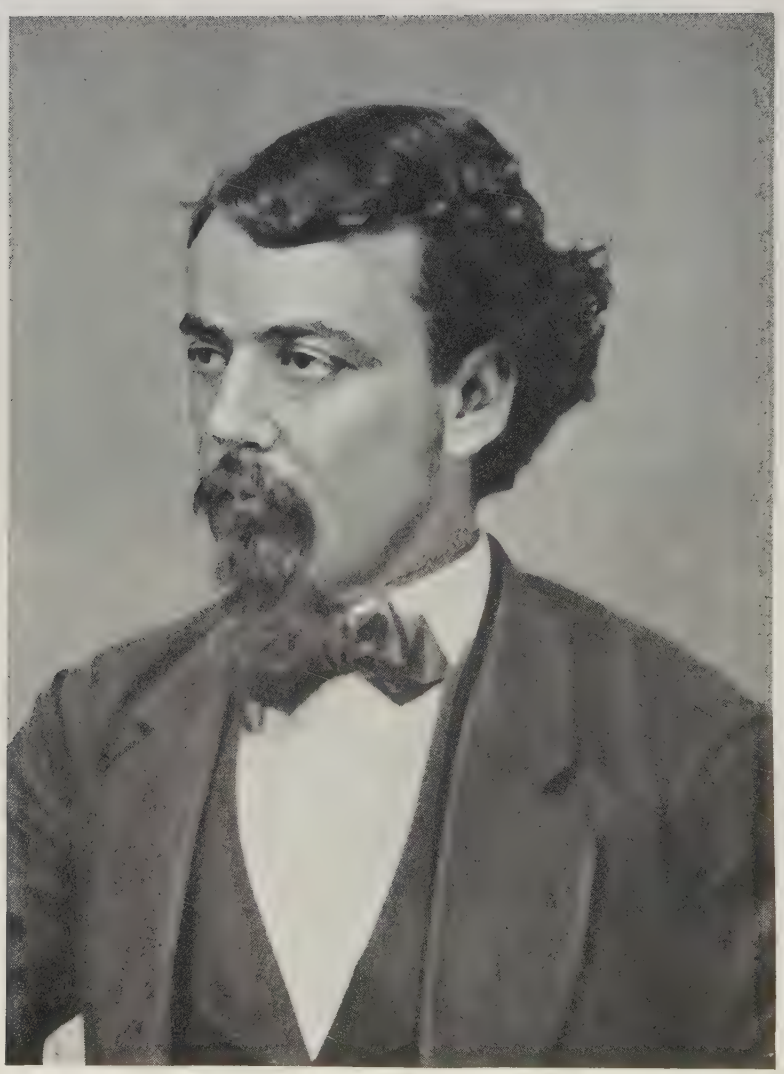
Mr. Post was married in Huron to Frankie M. Barram. She was born in Huron September 27, 1872, and was educated both in the grade and the high schools. Her parents were John S. and Margaret (Garritt) Barram, who are still living in Huron, now full of years. Her father is of English and her mother of German ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Post have a daughter, Leota D., aged eighteen, and a graduate in 1914 from the Huron High School, and Helen Barram, who is now in the first year of the high school. Mr. and Mrs. Post and daughters attend the Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Post and her daughters are active members. Mr. Post is republican, is affiliated with and has passed the chairs in Huron Lodge No. 504, Knights of Pythias, and enjoys a splendid popularity as a citizen and business man and his name is familiar to the fishing and lake trade all around the southern shore of Lake Erie.

C. Scott. In naming the men or firms most active in the fishing industry along the lake shore and Erie County, one that comes first to claim attention is that of Scott. The firm of C. Scott & Sons have one of the largest establishments and are among the most extensive operators in the waters of Lake Erie. Mr. Scott, the head of the firm, has been engaged in fishing from the Port of Huron for nearly a quarter of a century and in recent years his son William has been his capable assistant and partner. They have a large amount of capital invested in boats, nets and warehouses. They operate thirty large double pannel trap nets of the Earl pattern, known among fishermen as the "hell devil" net. Each of these nets measure from 22 to 25 rods in length, and with such equipment and with their experience and skill in placing the nets the firm produce a large annual catch and dispose of it direct to wholesale dealers. The greater part of the fish taken by this firm are blue pike. Mr. Scott is known among all his friends and acquaintances as a man of absolute veracity, and the truth of the following record catch in his experience can therefore be vouched as accurate. It was in the '80s when he was with a fishing crew that took up from one pound net seventeen tons of herring at one catch. He has been active in the fishing industry since 1876, operating both pound and trap nets, and has been on his own account since 1882. During most of this time he has worked with the modern trap net. With Mr. Scott this has been a life industry and vocation, and his record is such as to place him among the leading business men of Erie County. His son William has been associated with him in the industry for the past ten years, and

has brought to the business not only capable experience but the use and energy of a younger generation. The firm has among its equipment a twine and net house that is one of the most modern along the lake shore, standing on a foundation 30x60 feet, with a full sized loft. This large house is necessary for the storage of the nets and also for repairing, since the heavy weather is necessarily destructive to this part of the equipment. The fishing season runs about eight months in the year, beginning after March 15th, which is the legal date of the opening. During July and August it is not practicable to fish in Lake Erie, but without exception the open season extends until the waters are closed by winter. Mr. C. Scott has been a resident of Huron since the fall of 1877. He was born in Huron County, Ohio, March 4, 1856, and spent the first fifteen years of his life in that locality. He then became identified with the activities along the lake shore, and at the age of twenty was employed as a regular fisherman at Stoney Point, Michigan. Eighteen months later he removed to Huron, and that village has been the headquarters of his constantly expanding operations. It is not surprising, considering the energy with which he has pursued his calling and the business like judgment which has regulated its management, that Mr. Scott is a man of substantial fortune.

He comes of old New England stock on both sides of his parentage. His parents were among the pioneers in Northern Ohio, and knew Huron when it was only a cluster of little houses around the harbor.

Edward M. Scott, the father of Mr. Canaris Scott, was one of the remarkable men of Northern Ohio in his time. He was a native of Connecticut of New England parentage, born in 1808, grew up in his native state, and was married there to Lucinda J. Hyatt, who was of similar birth and ancestry. Not long after their marriage, in the early '30s, they came out to the Western Reserve of Ohio, making their journey by slow stages according to the primitive transportation methods of the time, and arriving at the little Port of Huron on the vessel Eliza Jenkins. All the surrounding country was then almost an unbroken wilderness, and it presented a splendid field for the skill and energies of Edward Scott. His life work was that of fisherman, trapper and hunter. Many stories have been written about the marvelous skill, endurance and craft of the American woodsmen, and it can be truthfully said that Edward Scott was the peer of any of his kind. For their ability in combating the hardships and solving the problems of the virgin forests the Indians have been given a reputation for prowess above all races, and yet Edward Scott possessed the unerring instinct of the Indian, was his equal in handling gun or boat, possessed the same qualities of wood craft in tracking and hunting the wild creatures of the forest, had a like courage in the presence of danger, and could endure the rigors of exposure, heat or cold, hunger and thirst, along with the best of the red men. It is said that he would take his hunting boat where no one else dared venture, and has been known to shoot his frail craft over river dams ten feet high without upsetting. He was absolutely fearless, and at the same time his courage was fortified with a marvelous skill which was sufficient to instill in him absolute confidence. Edward Scott might well be called the Kit Carson or Daniel Boone of all this region. As a marksman many stories are told of him. It is said that he could take his trusty rifle and at a distance of twenty paces strike the head of a ten-penny nail and drive it into the hardwood. In such exhibitions he seldom failed his mark. He enjoyed all the romantic experiences of the frontier and as a hunter, fisher and trapper was one of the best known characters all around Lake Erie. Like many of his kind, he possessed an inordinate love of nature, especially in its primitive dress, and spent practically all his life in the untrammeled freedom of the great woods



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and the streams. Many of his later years were passed at Milan in Erie County, and he was almost constantly in the woods that bordered the Huron River. He died at Milan in August, 1871. His widow subsequently came to the home of her son, Mr. C. Scott, in Huron, and died there April 1, 1903. She was born May 6, 1815, and was therefore nearly eighty years of age at the time of her death. Edward Scott was a republican in politics, and he and his wife were reared as Baptists, but were members of no church in later years.

Mr. C. Scott is the youngest living out of a family of eleven children. There are four daughters and three of the sons still living, and are married and heads of families. Mr. Scott married a Huron girl, Louisa Ochs. She was born at Huron in September, 1856, and grew up and was educated in that vicinity. Her father, Wilhelm Ochs, was a native of Germany, came to the United States when a young man, and in Erie County married Lavina Wolverton. After their marriage they began housekeeping in Huron. Mr. Ochs, though he had learned the trade of potter, found no occupation in that work, and for a number of years was engaged in teaming which formed the bulk of his active life. He and his wife died in Huron when about seventy years of age. He was a republican in politics, and the Ochs family was represented among the best citizenship of that locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott have a family of capable children who do them honor. Clarence, the oldest, was born reared and educated in Huron, was formerly a stenographer and is now connected with an illuminating company at Cleveland, and married Hazel Brown. William E. Scott, now twenty-nine years of age, was born in Huron, graduated in 1905 from the high school, and since that date has been actively associated with his father in the fishing industry under the name C. Scott & Son. He married Carrie Beatty, and at their home on Homan Street they have two sons, Harland and Edwin W. Clara L. is the wife of Louis F. Rope, a brick mason at Akron, and they have a son named Robert Scott. Mildred L., who graduated from the local high school, is now a student in domestic science at the normal school in Kent, Ohio. Mr. Scott is a republican in politics, an ex-member of the council at Huron and also of the board of education. The children were reared in the Presbyterian faith as their religion.

Philip A. Huffman. The benefits conferred upon the community by such a citizen as the late Philip A. Huffman should not soon be forgotten, and this brief memorial to his life and the record of his family relationship in Erie County are only an attempt to give credit where credit is due to a man who was for many years industrious and successful as a farmer, had served his country well as a soldier during the trying days of the Civil war, and bore himself uprightly in all the varied relations of life.

When this excellent citizen passed away at his home in Berlin Township on July 3, 1897, he was not yet sixty years of age. He was born at the old community of Bellview in Sandusky, Ohio, August 25, 1838, a son of Samuel and Eliza A. (Watts) Huffman. The Huffmans were of Pennsylvania Dutch stock, while the Watts family was of English origin. Both parents were born and were married in Pennsylvania, and while living there, their first child, Louisa, was born. In the spring of 1838 this small family left the Keystone State and with wagons and teams started for Ohio. They reached Toledo, and then owing to the bad condition of the roads the young mother rode the rest of the way into Sandusky County on horseback with her baby in her arms. Having arrived near Bellview, Samuel Huffman bought and improved a farm from almost the primeval wilderness. Their first home was a little log

shack which stood on the land when they took possession and his labors subsequently constructed a new log hut, but still of primitive accommodations. During the '50s he replaced these humble dwellings with a substantial frame house which measured well up to the standards of comforts and improvements of that time. It was in that home that Samuel and his wife died, he at the age of sixty-four, while his wife survived until December, 1880, at the age of seventy-one. His death resulted from blood poisoning, induced by a prick in the knee from a thorn of the osage orange. These were most excellent people, kind and considerate in all their relations, invaluable in times of need and distress in their community, and lived always in the fear of God and in the practice of the essential principles of Christianity. They were among the most active members of the Methodist Church at Bellview.

The late Philip Huffman was the first son and second child in a family of seven children, and was the first to be born in Ohio. Only two of these are still living. Ezra, who is married and lives in Sandusky County, was the first passenger conductor to take a passenger train over the Nickel Plate Railway and is now retired. Another son, Samuel, Jr., is a retired resident of Youngstown, Ohio.

On the old farm in Sandusky County Philip Huffman grew to manhood, and his youthful strength did something toward the clearing up and improving the lands. His education, begun in the district schools, was continued at Berea in the higher institutions of learning at that place. When a young man of about twenty-four, in August, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company B of the One Hundred and Twenty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Randolph and Colonel Wilson, and the regiment was part of General Milroy's Brigade. His brother Ezra was with him in the same company and together they served for a total period of three years. He escaped without wounds, but was twice taken prisoner. The first capture came at the battle of Winchester, and he remained in prison at Belle Isle in the James River until exchanged. Then while proceeding with his regiment to the battlefield at Gettysburg he was again captured, and this time became an inmate of the notorious Libby Prison, and endured its horrors for several month before exchange. He again rejoined his command, and continued in the active service until his honorable discharge following the close of the war. He participated in the Grand Review at Washington with the other victorious troops of the Union, and the service of special interest was as a member of the bodyguard around the bier of Lincoln at Washington.

With his return from the army Mr. Huffman lived on the old farm in Sandusky County until 1871, was married in that year, and somewhat later, in April, 1875, moved to Erie County. Here he bought 120 acres in Berlin Township, and that place became the scene of his industrious endeavor as a farmer until his death. Mrs. Huffman still occupies the old home, and it is a place endeared to her by the associations and memories of forty years. The late Mr. Huffman was a farmer who combined intelligence with his labors, and was well prosperous. He was likewise respected for his many amiable traits of character, was a true Christian man, and in politics a republican.

At the home of the bride in Berlin Township on June 8, 1871, Philip A. Huffman married Miss Jennie Knight. To this union was born a daughter, Lucy L., on May 20, 1872. She died September 18, 1894. Her husband is George Jenkins, who owns a fine farm in Berlin Township comprising 117 acres. Mr. Jenkins after the death of his first wife married Helen Knight, and they have five children.

Mrs. Huffman was born in Berlin Township November 23, 1849, and grew up and was educated near her old home. Since the death of

Mr. Huffman eighteen years ago she has capably managed the farm and lives in comfort surrounded by a large circle of friends and relatives. Her parents were Simon and Ann (Wheaton) Knight. They were both born in Devonshire, England, her father on December 9, 1819, and her mother on March 25, 1822. Both the Knights and Wheatons were of long lived families and had long been identified with the country of Southwestern England. Before the Knight family left England, one child, Richard, was born to them. In April, 1849, they embarked on a sailing vessel and spent five weeks in crossing the ocean to the New World. They landed in Quebec, Canada, and thence came up the waters of the river and Great Lakes to Sandusky, Ohio. The year 1849 is well remembered as the time of the great cholera epidemic. From Sandusky they came on to Huron and from there to Berlin Township, where Mr. Knight rented land and subsequently purchased a place of his own. He had many of the qualities which have long distinguished the thrifty Devon men, and in Erie County became one of the successful and influential citizens, and at the time of his death owned 425 acres, most of which was in a high state of improvement. He died in April, 1891, and his wife passed away August 16, 1887. She took a prominent interest in the Methodist Church and was a daughter of Rev. Richard Wheaton, a vigorous exponent of Methodist doctrine in the old country who also came to Erie County and died here at the age of sixty-five. The Knight family belonged to the Episcopal Church. The late Mr. Knight was a republican and had a considerable part in local affairs.

Mrs. Huffman was the second of three children. Her brother Richard Nash was born in England June 5, 1845, was reared in Erie County, now lives on a farm of sixty acres in Berlin Township and by his marriage to Mary Egleson has three children. Mrs. Huffman's sister Lucy, born July 19, 1852, was reared and educated in Erie County and died at her home in Berlin Township in January, 1881, when not yet twenty-nine years of age. She married Frank A. Barrows, who was born in Avon, Lorain County, Ohio, November 30, 1847, and though educated for the law at Oberlin College did not practice, but instead became a farmer after his marriage, and is now one of the leading stock raisers in Erie County and has a fine place of 147 acres. To Mr. and Mrs. Barrows were born two children. Eugenia died after her marriage to Henry Hoffman and left two children, Frank and Lester, Mr. Hoffman being still a farmer in Berlin Township. Samuel now lives on the farm with his father and is unmarried. Frank A. Barrows has been quite a factor in local politics, and for two terms, from 1880 to 1884, served as justice of the peace. The first twenty-five years of his life were spent in Lorain County, and having an excellent educational equipment he spent twelve years as a teacher in his native county and in Erie County. He has been successful much above the average as a farmer, and by capable management has what is properly regarded as one of the best improved places in Berlin Township.

Adam E. Wikel. Though a native of this section of Ohio, Mr. Wikel spent many years of his active manhood as a pioneer farmer in Nebraska, and from that state returned to Erie County some fifteen years ago. Mr. Wikel now has some excellent country property in Berlin Township, owns a fine home which is situated along rural route No. 2 out of Huron, but is mainly retired from his business which gave him his prosperity and enabled him to take a substantial position in any community where he has lived.

He is a representative of substantial German stock, a son of Charles and Helen (Root) Wikel. His father was born in 1825 in Rhenish, Bavaria, Germany, where the name was spelled Weichel. When sixteen

years of age he came to the United States, arriving after a tedious voyage on a sailing vessel at New York City, and thence proceeded across the country to Erie County, Ohio. He grew to manhood at Weaver's Corner, near Bellevue in Huron Township, where his uncle, Adam Wikel, had settled some years previously. After his marriage to Miss Root Charles Wikel became a farmer and lived part of the time in Huron County and part of the time in Milan Township of Erie County. He died December 16, 1890. He was a member of the German Lutheran Church and a democrat in politics. His widow passed away November 24, 1901, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Peter Kriss at Huron. She was born in 1825 and was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Charles Wikel for many years followed the business of auctioneer, and that was a pursuit which brought him into touch with people over a wide area and made him well known. Adam E. Wikel was the second son and child in a family of six sons and two daughters. Of these, Henry died at the age of thirteen, Marion died at twenty, and John died in Erie County at his farm in Milan Township, March 30, 1914, leaving a family of children. Besides Adam those now living are: Peter, who lives with his family at Floyd, New Mexico; Mary, widow of Peter Kriss, at Huron, and the mother of two daughters; Helen, wife of Louis Cool, a farmer in Huron Township, and the mother of six children; and Albert, who is a coal dealer at Huron and has one child living and one died in infancy.

In Oxford Township of Huron County Adam E. Wikel was born February 15, 1850. His early life was spent on a farm, and he came to manhood with a liberal education, having finished at the normal school in Milan. After he went out to the Nebraska frontier he taught school one term. His arrival in the new and sparsely settled country of Nebraska was on April 1, 1871. He lived chiefly in Saunders County of that state and entered and improved three-quarter sections of land at different times. He had 160 acres comprising a timber culture claim in Holt County, and he recently sold that for $5,000, and still owns eighty acres partly improved in the same county. About fifteen years ago Mr. Wikel returned to Ohio, and spent four years at the Village of Huron. For five years he was in St. Louis, Missouri, and during that time spent eighteen months as manager of a concrete factory and was also a tea merchant. In 1909 having returned to Erie County he bought his present home on section 4 near Ceylon in Berlin Township. His life has been one of industry accompanied with good business judgment, and he is now able to live retired and enjoy the fruits that have resulted from his well directed endeavors.

While living in Saunders County, Nebraska, in 1872, Mr. Wikel married Miss Martha E. Criss. She was born in Owen County, Indiana, May 2, 1851, and grew up and was educated there. At the age of nineteen she accompanied her parents, Jonathan and Mary (Grimes) Criss, who were natives of, and were married in, Ohio, on their journey with teams and wagons as part of a colony of five families, across the country to the wild and untamed prairies of Nebraska. They arrived in that state in the fall of 1871, and Mr. Criss took up a homestead in Chester Township, of Saunders County. At that time there was not a tree nor house in sight, and the Criss home was eighteen miles from the nearest postoffice. Mrs. Wikel has many interesting recollectons of her early life in that state. She recalls the sod schoolhouses and churches, and in a country where lumber was practically unobtainable, many of the inhabitants lived either in dugouts or in box or sod houses. Among other unpleasant features was the presence of numerous rattle snakes. In the course of time Mr. Criss and his wife improved a good home, and he died at Wahoo, Nebraska, at the age of sixty-eight and his wife at the

age of sixty-five. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Wikel have the satisfaction of having reared children and seeng them already well established in positions of usefulness and honor. Charles, the oldest son, who is a farmer in Berlin Township, married Ellen Scott, and they have a daughter named Violet. Helen, now deceased, married Rev. Henry St. Louis, formerly a pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Nebraska and still engaged in the ministry in Missouri, and by that union there were three children, Hazel, Lois and Elno. Burton, who is a farmer in Berlin Township, married Della McKnight, who by a former marriage has two children, Warren and John McKnight. Maude is the wife of Charles W. Cordes, who lives in Chicago but is a railway mail clerk with a run over the Rock Island road from Chicago to West Liberty, Iowa. The daughter Grace died at the age of twelve years. Ona, who was graduated from the high school at St. Louis in 1909, has spent five years as a successful teacher in Berlin and Milan townships. Mr. and Mrs. Wikel are members of the Methodist Church, which faith has also been embraced by their children, and he has for nineteen years given service to the church in the capacity of trustee and other offices. In politics he upholds the principles of the prohibition party.

Jacob Otto. For more than forty-five years Jacob Otto has lived in Erie County. He came to America a young German youth, with no special knowledge of the language or the institutions of the New World, and without capital and influential friends. He gained a foothold as a result of steady industry, married and established a home as a farm renter, and now for many years has owned a very attractive and profitable farmstead along the Lake Erie shore in Berlin Township. His postoffice is Huron, and his residence is in Berlin Township.

Jacob Otto was born in Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, February 22, 1850, and is of solid German stock. His parents were Christopher and Elizabeth (Peck) Otto, natives of the same town and province. They and their parents lived and died at Hesse Darmstadt, and the different generations have furnished farmers as a rule, and there have been large families. Mr. Otto is of a class of people naturally long lived, and among his ancestors only his Grandfather Peck passed away in comparatively early life. The family religion has been that of the Reformed Church. Jacob Otto was the third in a family of eleven children. Two of his brothers are still living in Germany, and have families. Jacob was one of the two children who came to the United States. His sister, Elizabeth, was married in Germany to Peter Switzer, and subsequently came to the United States locating in Sandusky, where both have since died. She died in August, 1912, leaving four living children. Jacob Otto grew up in his native land as a German farmer boy and had a common school education. At the age of nineteen, in 1869, he left Bremen on the ship America, and after two weeks landed in New York City. He proceeded at once to Erie County, Ohio, to the Village of Vermilion, and has lived in the county ever since with the exception of two years in Lorain County. For about fifteen years he was a renter in Berlin Township, and in 1894 made his first purchase of land along the lake shore. This land borders the lake shore for eighty rods. It comprises 109 acres, though a part of it is taken for the street car right of way, the public highway, and the land is all well drained and highly fertile and valuable. Mr. Otto has placed three sets of building improvements, and two of these are occupied by his sons. His own home is a large and substantial residence surrounded with good barns and other buildings. His farm has been notable for its fruit production. At one time he had a crop of 1,400 bushels

of peaches, and has also given much attention to small fruit and grapes. He is a practical, hard-headed business man, and has lived a life of earnest purpose and useful activity.

Mr. Otto was married in America, but his wife was the sweetheart of his early years back in Germany. Her name was Elizabeth C. Ries, who was born on a farm near that on which her husband grew up. The date of her birth was February 10, 1845, and she grew up in her native town. Her parents were Henry and Elizabeth (Jager) Ries. Her father was a carpenter, and both parents were natives of Hesse-Nassau, and in 1876 came to the United States. Both lived in Berlin Township of Erie County. Her father was eighty-one and her mother eighty-three when death came to them. They were members of the Reformed Church, and her father was a democrat. Mrs. Otto had one brother, Henry Ries, who came to the United States, married, and left a large family of six sons and three daughters. Henry Ries was a first-class carpenter, and was accidentally killed on the Nickel Plate Railway when in the prime of life.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto may take due pride in their fine family of children, whom they have reared and given substantial help in becoming independent. Anna, the first child, died at the entrance to a promising young womanhood. Mary is the wife of John Huff, a farmer in Berlin Township, and their two sons are Philip and John. Catherine E. is the wife of John Reiber, a farmer in Vermilion Township, and their children are named Catherine, George and Edna E. Amelia C. married Fred Ackermann, a farmer in Berlin Township, and their little household of five children comprise Edward, Caroline, Catherine, Martin and Ruth. Henry is an employee in the car works at Milan in Erie County, and by his marriage to Pearl Jenkins has two children, William and Viola. Christina is the wife of Louis Ackermann, a farmer in Berlin Township. Jacob H. is on part of his father's farm, married Carrie Stryker and has three children, Mary, Edward and Charles. George William lives on a fine home that is a part of his father's estate located at the little place known as Ceylon Junction; he married Anna Wall of Vermilion, and they have a daughter, Wallena. Mr. and Mrs. Otto and family are members of the Reformed Church, and the father and sons are all democrats in politics.

Philip Kneisel. Probably none of the first class rural homesteads of Berlin Township represent a more successful co-operation between the industry of the husband and the thrift and economy of the wife than the Kneisel farm, situated along rural route No. 2 out of Huron. Mr. Kneisel possesses the solid hard working ability characteristic of his German ancestry, but he credits his success in buying and paying for a fine property largely to the influence and assistance of his good wife, who has not only looked well after the ways of her household but has proved herself the master of many important details of farm and business management.

The Kneisel farm comprimes 105½ acres of fine land, all well improved. Their home is a comfortable six-room house, and a recent addition to the group of improvements is the new barn, on a foundation 36x52 feet. The old barn is a structure 28x40 feet. Mr. Kneisel as a crop grower has succeeded in producing all the staples of Erie County, and also keeps excellent grades of live stock. They bought this farm in 1903.

Mr. Kneisel has lived in Erie County nearly all his active life, and has always been identified with farming in some capacity or other. He was born in Germany, February 23, 1865, a son of Martin and Elizabeth (Apple) Kneisel, both of whom were born, reared and married in the old country. Martin Kneisel by a former marriage had four children,

John C., Conrad, Anna and George, all of whom are now married and living in the United States. By the second marriage Martha and Philip Kneisel were both born in Germany, and in April, 1865, the family came from Bremen to New York City, and thence proceeded westward to Erie County, and in the same spring the father bought eighty-five acres in Brownhelm Township in Lorain County. He lived there engaged in the work of improvement and cultivation until his death, May 11, 1893. His widow passed away July 10, 1908. He was a democrat and they had membership in the Reformed Church. All their children, three daughters and two sons, are now married and well established in homes of their own.

It was only a few days after the birth of Philip Kneisel that the family set out for America, and all his associations and memories are with this country. He spent his early years on his father's farm, attended the public schools, and lived at home until twenty-four. For two years he had rented the homestead, and thus got his start in life. In Berlin Township, on March 5, 1889, he married Elizabeth Knott, who was born in Vermilion Township, January 13, 1868, and was educated in the local schools there. As is true in the careers of many men, marriage was the event which started Mr. Kneisel on the steady road and climb to prosperity. He and his good wife have worked hard and now have the satisfaction of possessing a good farm home and having an ample supply of this world's goods to satisfy their own needs and to provide for their children. Mrs. Kneisel is a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Shildt) Knott, who were born in Hesse, Germany, the former September 8, 1839, and the latter September 10, 1835. Before they left their native land one child, Catherine, was born. In 1867 they came by way of Bremen and New York City to Vermilion Township in Erie County, and subsequently settled in Berlin Township, where Mr. Knott rented a farm until about 1876, when he bought eighty-two acres situated on rural route No. 2. He has since lived there, and still enjoys good health and he and his wife are members of the Reformed Church. Of the children born in this county besides Mrs. Kneisel there are John, Anna, George, Philip, now deceased, and Henry, John and Henry being still unmarried.

Mr. and Mrs. Kneisel have three children. Albert H., born September 5, 1891, spent two years in high school, and is now a practical farmer living with his father. Karl E., born May 29, 1896, also has his home with his parents, but for several years has worked as an employee of the Street Railway Company and factories. Elma E., born February 2, 1899, is now a student in the high school at Berlin Heights. The family are all members of the Reformed Church, and Mr. Kneisel is a democrat and affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees at Vermilion.

George L. Neiding. Among the farms of Berlin Township which are primarily devoted to fruit production that occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George L. Neiding deserves special mention. Both Mr. and Mrs. Neiding are young, intelligent people, who well represent the staple industry of farming and fruit growing in Erie County, and they now possess and enjoy a fine home overlooking the lake shore.

Mr. Neiding is of substantial German ancestry. His grandparents were born in Germany and after coming to America and their marriage located in Brownhelm, Lorain County, Ohio, where they followed farming and spent the rest of their lives. They improved a tract of land, and were quiet, thrifty and hard working people, and in religion were Protestant. Of their children who grew up and married there were Jacob, Gus, Henry, John, Elizabeth, Martha and Charles, of whom Jacob, Gus and Henry are now deceased.

Henry Neiding was born in Brownhelm, Lorain County, April 7, 1846, and died May 2, 1910. He grew up on his father's farm, and subsequently removed to Erie County. He was married in his native county to Emma Stephen.

George L. Neiding is the only living child of this union, having lost a young brother named Edwin. He was born on the old farm in Erie County, November 29, 1880, and was well educated and well trained for the work which he now follows with such success. He has always lived on the farm, which was willed to him by his father, who had owned the place many years. Among its improvements is a substantial seven-room house, painted white with green trimmings, and adjoining that is a three-room packing house and a barn 30x45 feet. As fruit growers both the father and son have been successful in this community for many years. The orchards comprise about three acres, beautifully situated on the banks of the lake, and the ground is all well drained and especially adapted for the growing of peaches and other fruit. Mr. Neiding also raises large quantities of fine vegetables and several varieties of small grain.

George L. Neiding was married in Elliston, Ottawa County, Ohio, to Augusta L. Opfer, who was born in that county, January 4, 1884, and was reared there, and educated in the public schools. Her parents were Conrad and Anastasia (Krither) Opfer, natives of Germany. Her father was born in Hesse and her mother in Pomerania. They came to America on sailing vessels when still single, and spent a number of weeks of tedious voyage. They finally reached Ottawa County, Ohio, where they met and married, and took up life as farmers near the Village of Martin, where they now own as a result of their thrifty enterprise and industry a good farm of forty acres. Mrs. Neiding's father was born April 14, 1846, and her mother September 23, 1857. Both are members of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Neiding was the second child of a large family, and has been self supporting since she was eleven years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Neiding have one son, Lester C., who is nine years of age and attending school. Mr. Neiding is a member of the Maccabees and in politics a democrat.

John Hoffman. In the farming district of Berlin Township there are many prosperous and progressive men who believe that the happiest life as well as the most independent one is to be lived on the farm. Prominent among these is John Hoffman, with whose beautiful home all the residents of that section are acquainted, located on Rural Route No. 2 out of Huron. Mr. Hoffman is a native of Berlin Township, has spent practically all the years of his life in the community where he was born, and is known as an excellent farmer and a man who can be depended upon in matters of local moment.

Born on his father's farm in Berlin Township, November 1, 1862, John Hoffman is a son of John Hoffman, Sr., who was born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, October 8, 1829. When the senior John Hoffman died about ten years ago he left a noteworthy vacancy in the ranks of good citizenship and worthy manhood. He came of an old German family, and his parents, who were farmers and members of the Lutheran Church, died when John and his sister Mary were still children. Christina Hoffman also came to the United States, and was married at Norwalk, Ohio, to John Ernest. She died in Norwalk, leaving the following children: William, John, George, Adam and Christina, all of whom except John are still living, John having died as a result of burns received in a gas explosion and left a wife but no children. After the death of Christina Ernest, John Ernest married a second time and has children by that wife.

John Hoffman, Sr., spent the formative years of childhood and youth in Germany among strangers. When nineteen years old he set out for the New World, taking passage on a sailing vessel at Bremen, and sixty-four days later landing in New York City. During the passage he helped the cook in the galley, and the lessons thus learned were never forgotten in after life. Arriving in this country poor and friendless, his first employment was in a butcher shop, and on going to Buffalo he worked a few years in a brickyard, and while living there was a member of the volunteer fire department of the city. About 1855 he came on west to Norwalk, Ohio, and a little later located at Shinrock in Berlin Township. There he was fortunate in finding an employer in Daniel N. Hines. His salary was only $8 per month, though that was not an unusual wage according to the standards of the time. When the field work was finished he spent the winters in cutting cordwood at 15 cents per cord. Thus he spent some four or five years, and in the meantime had given many evidences of his reliable qualities and good workmanship, and these qualifications resulted in his being placed in charge of the Hines farm. He continued to work that farm for a number of years, slowly getting ahead and preparing for an independent start in life. In 1871 he bought sixty acres near the Hines home, twenty acres of which were improved. While still continuing the management of the Hines farm he made such improvements as he could on his own land, building a small residence, and about 1872 or 1873 moved to the new place with his little family, then comprising five sons and two daughters, all of whom had been born in a log house near the Hines Estate. With the stimulus that comes to a man who is his own master and proprietor of a small farm, John Hoffman filled the succeeding years with gratifying accomplishment, improved his land, drained the lowest places and continued to prosper. In the meantime he not only developed his first farm but acquired two others, and altogether was the proprietor of over 300 acres.

The death of John Hoffman, Sr., occurred October 12, 1905. Of his material achievement nothing more need be said. But he also exemplified many fine qualities of manhood and citizenship which were valuable to his fellow men. It is said that those who knew him best were those who praised him most. He died in the faith of the Lutheran Church and throughout his career as an American citizen was a strong republican. He served several terms as township trustee. John Hoffman, Sr., was married in Berlin Township in 1856 to Christina Clinger. She was born in Wuertemburg, Germany, April 7, 1838, and is still living, active in mind and body for one who bears the weight of more than three-quarters of a century. When she was a child she was brought to the United States and to Norwalk in Huron County by her parents, Anson and Ann Clinger, who came across the ocean on a sailing vessel which was wrecked and the passengers were marooned on an island until finally picked up and carried on to New York. From Norwalk the Clingers subsequently moved to a small farm in Berlin Township, where Mr. Clinger died at the age of sixty-six. His widow subsequently lived with her daughter Louisa Ritz in Norwalk, and died there when past the age of fourscore. She and her husband were members of the Lutheran Church, and were strong and vigorous people, well fitted for the duties of home making and child rearing. Of the nine children born to Mrs. Christina Hoffman five are still living.

John Hoffman, Jr., who is the oldest son in the family, grew up on his father's farm, and from the age of ten years exercised his youthful strength in swinging an ax, in guiding a plow and in all the other departments of work required for the clearing up and cultivation of a farm. His education was that supplied by the common schools, but he came to manhood well fitted for the responsibilities which he has since assumed.

Mr. Hoffman has sixty-six acres in his homestead, and has one of the most attractive residences in the township. It contains eleven rooms, is modern in all its appointments and has conveniences which many more pretentious city homes lack. His group of buildings stand in the shelter of a grove of fruit and shade trees, and he has used one tone of color for the painting of both his home and his barns and sheds. He has a large barn 36x60 feet with a lean-to shed 36x20 feet, and has several cribs and a granary. Nearly all these buildings are new. Under his management his fields have produced all kinds of grain and he has also raised potatoes with considerable profit. He keeps high grade stock, and has a good herd of sheep.

Mr. Hoffman was married in Huron Township to Miss Louisa Gockstetter, who was born in Huron Township, September 14, 1866, a daughter of Godfrey and Dora (Hintz) Gockstetter. Her parents were natives of Germany, came to this country in a sailing vessel, located with their respective families in Erie County, and were married in Huron Township, where they spent the rest of their years. They died when not yet seventy years of age, and were members of the Lutheran Church.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman were born two children: John, who was born June 16, 1890, was educated in the common and high schools, grew up on the farm, is still unmarried and living at home, and is serving as manager of the Berlin Heights Fuel Company's elevator at Ceylon. Addison G., the second son, was born July 10, 1892, graduated from the Huron High School in 1911, taught one year in Vermilion Township and one year in Berlin Township, and is now proving a valuable assistant to his father in the management of the farm. Mr. Hoffman and his sons are republicans.

John Ritz. To no one class does Erie County owe more of its wealth and strength of prosperity than to the agriculturist. While Erie County as a whole has a well diversified development, many industries and productive resources, it is the farms taken in the aggregate which furnish the great bulk of material for the well being of its inhabitants. One of the present generation of progressive farmers is John Ritz, whose home is in the western part of Berlin Township, with mail facilities supplied by Rural Route No. 1 out of Milan. With the exception of six years spent in the State of Michigan, Mr. Ritz has lived in Berlin Township practically all his life. He was born on his father's farm here July 26, 1861, and acquired his education by attending the local schools. After his return from Michigan, where he was married, he bought the fifty acres contained in his present place on the Wikel Township line road, and his energy and enterprise have since made this one of the most productive and profitable farms of its size in the entire township. His home has many attractive features. The residence is a frame building of eight rooms and surrounding it are substantial farm houses, including a barn 30x56 feet, and a number of other outbuildings. The barns and other outbuildings are well painted, and the house is a stone green. Mr. Ritz pursues diversified farming, raises some fine sheep, cattle, horses and hogs, makes a crop of two or three acres of potatoes every year, has an apple orchard covering about one acre, and gives his best energies to every department of his farm.

Mr. Ritz is the third John in as many successive generations. His father and grandfather, both named John Ritz, were natives of Germany. His father was born April 27, 1836, in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, a son of John and Elizabeth (Feik) Ritz, who were natives of the same province. On July 4, 1855, the family left Germany and embarked on a sailing vessel at Hamburg, which sixty days later landed them in New York City. From there they came on to Norwalk, Ohio, where

Henry Ritz, a brother of the grandfather, had located a number of years before. The family at that time comprised only John and his wife Elizabeth and their son John. The grandfather located in Berlin Township on the Jeffrey Road, where his first holding comprised only twenty-five acres, but with the assistance of his son John he in time developed a good estate of eighty-five acres. In 1887 the grandfather returned to the old country intending to live there permanently, but in a short time became dissatisfied and in the spring of 1888 came back to America on an emigrant boat where the conditions were such that the passengers were treated more like a cargo of pigs than human beings. He was at that time an old man, and suffered severely from the ill treatment received on the voyage, and soon after returning to Erie County died at the home of his brother, Henry, at Norwalk on May 11, 1888, about one week after his return. He was born April 21, 1811. His wife, Elizabeth, who was born in July, 1810, had died at the old homestead in Berlin Township, August 29, 1885. Both were members of the Lutheran Church and had all the valuable characteristics of the German people.

John Ritz, second of the name, was about nineteen years old when the family came to Ohio and was married in Norwalk to Joan Wilhelmina Voss, who was born in Bremen, Germany, May 28, 1837. Her parents spent all their lives in the old country and she was the only one of their children who came to America, having come alone a young woman. On arriving at Norwalk she found employment in the home of John Gardner until her marriage. She and her husband still occupy the old farm in Berlin Township on the Jeffrey Road. They are members of the Lutheran Church and in politics he is a republican.

John Ritz of this sketch, as already noted, spent about six years in the State of Michigan. He was married in Dover Township of Lenawee County in that state in 1887 to Miss Cora E. Griffin. Mrs. Ritz is a native of Berlin Township, Erie County, where she was born November 26, 1866, and acquired her education partly in her home county and partly in Michigan. Her parents were Adolphus and Martha (Hoyt) Griffin. Her father was born in Newkirk, New York, May 30, 1825, and died January 4, 1892. Her mother was born February 5, 1825, in Connecticut, and died October 4, 1892. They came to Ohio before their marriage, which was celebrated in Erie County, January 8, 1850, and as young people they began life on a farm in Berlin Township. In 1882 they removed to Dover Township in Lenawee County, Michigan. Mr. Griffin was a democrat and his wife was a member of the Baptist Church at Berlin Heights. Mr. Griffin while a farmer was also noted for his skill as a hunter and fisherman, and he and Henry Hine of Erie County were close friends and were frequently together on their fishing trips. Mrs. Ritz has one brother, Morton D. Griffin, a farmer at Clayton, Michigan, and has two children, Martha and Burdette Griffin, both of whom are married.

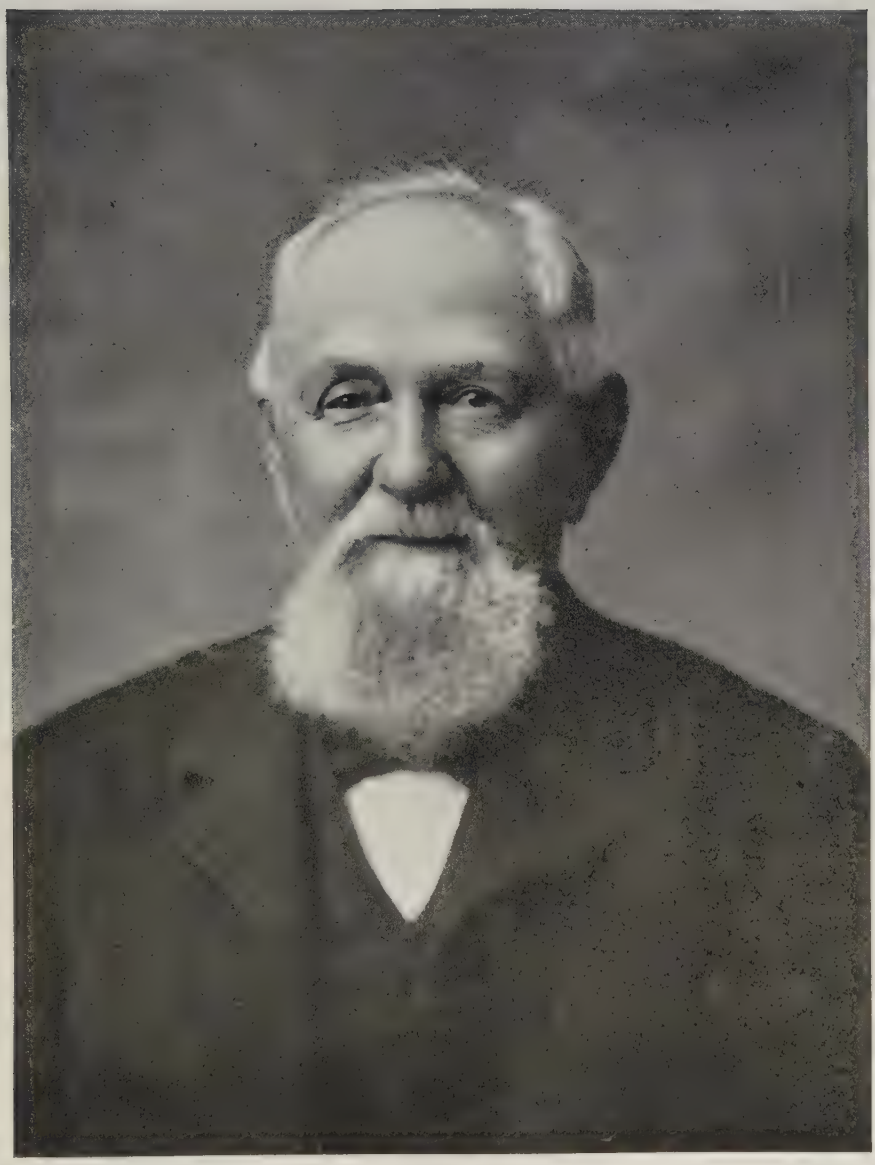
While Mr. and Mrs. Ritz have been prospered in material circumstances they have also gained honor to themselves through their fine family of children. Their oldest is Edith M., who finished her education in the Berlin Heights High School, and is now the wife of Grant Squire, living in the State of Nevada; they have no living children. Fred J., the oldest son, is a Berlin Township farmer and is still unmarried. Catherine I., who graduated from the high school at Berlin Heights in 1909 and in 1911 finished a course in the Oberlin Business College, spent three years in clerical work at the Lakeside Hospital in Cleveland, and is now the wife of a well known young Cleveland attorney, Arthur H. Hill, a son of Rev. George Hill. Minnie L., after her education married Clyde D. Cook, who is connected with the Overland Motor Car Company at Elyria, Ohio, and they have a daughter, Lucile G. Charles Verne, who

is twenty-one years of age in August, 1915, received his education in the public schools and is still at home. Jay died when nine months old. Earl is still at home, aged seventeen, and educated in the grade schools. Alice E., a fine young woman of thirteen, is still attending the local schools. Mrs. Ritz is a member of the Friends Church. Mr. Ritz in politics is a republican and takes much interest in local affairs.

Henry Jeffery. Erie County lost one of its oldest and most capable agriculturists in the death of Henry Jeffery, which occurred at his beautiful farm home in the northwest corner of Berlin Township March 2, 1913. Mr. Jeffery at the time of his death was in his eightieth year. He had lived in Erie County since boyhood and while all those who remember him speak with respect of his character he has an enduring testimonial to his practical ability in the beautiful estate now occupied by his widow, Mrs. Jeffery, who is likewise of the fine old stock of Erie County early settlers.

The Jeffery family has been numerously represented in Northern Ohio and came originally from Cornwall, England. Henry Jeffery was born at Lincoln Horn in Southwestern England November 18, 1827. His grandfather, George Jeffery, lived and died in Cornwall, was a prosperous farmer and the family for generations had been Episcopalians. George Jeffery had the following children: George, Jr., Thomas, William, John and Betsey Ann, all of whom grew up and married. George, Jr., was born in Cornwall about 1796, grew up there and as the oldest son inherited the large estate of his father. He married Elizabeth Garland, who was also born at Lincoln Horn in Cornwall and about the same time as her husband. After their marriage they located on the large farm comprising about 300 acres which he had inherited, and before they left there all their children but one were born. These children were: George, Richard, Mary, William, Elizabeth, John, Thomas, Samuel, who is the only one now living, and a resident of Erie County, Elizabeth Ann and Henry. In 1841 George Jeffery and his son William set out for the United States, taking six weeks to make the voyage by sailing ship to New York, and remained in that city until they were joined by the wife and other children, who came over on the ship Gladiator, and the family were united in New York City on Christmas Eve. They left New York in the spring of 1842, and by way of the Hudson River, the Erie Canal and Lake Erie finally arrived in Huron, Ohio. From that village they drove three miles east and south to the 150 acres which George Jeffery bought and which is now known as the Joseph Smith farm. Some years later George Jeffery sold that land and located on a farm west of Huron. In 1852 he came into Berlin Township, and bought the farm now owned by his sons Samuel and Henry, and also other lands, one tract of fifty acres, making 100 acres all told. On this last named land George Jeffery and his wife spent the rest of their years. They were both confirmed in the Episcopal Church at Lincoln Horn, England, and practiced its faith all their lives.

Henry Jeffery was about seven years of age when the family left the old home in Cornwall, and after the experiences noted finally arrived in Erie County. Here he grew to manhood and started life with a fair amount of schooling and with an excellent inheritance of the industrious and honest qualities for which the family have always been noted. Farming was his vocation, and in 1863, after his father's death, he secured fifty acres of the old homestead. To this he added thirty acres in Huron Township, and in time he had both tracts well improved. The old home is one of the most beautiful pieces of land to be found in Erie County, well drained, and with a degree of productivity which has been undiminished by nearly seventy years of continuous cultivation. The home in



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which Henry Jeffery died is a large two-story white house, containing eight large rooms, and built in modern style, though it has been standing for thirty-six years. Until he was able to provide that generous home for his family, Henry Jeffery had lived for a number of years in a log cabin which formerly stood on the farm. Of his practical achievements as a farmer nothing more can be said, and it was the general expression of the community when he died that the township lost not only an excellent business man but a good citizen and one of the most upright characters known in that locality. He was a republican in politics and had always been faithful to his training in the Episcopal Church.

Henry Jeffery was first married to Ellen Sayles, who was born and reared in Milan Township, and she died in the prime of life without children. His second wife was Belle Arnold, who died seven years after her marriage, also without children. In 1908 Mr. Henry Jeffery was married in Erie County to Charlotte (Hinde) Foster. She was born in Huron Township June 12, 1857, and was liberally educated, and is one of the highly cultured women of Berlin Township. She attended a convent school, later the high school at Sandusky, and for eighteen months was a teacher. Her parents were Edwin and Theodosia (Shepherd) Hinde. Her father was a native of Ireland and her mother of England. Edwin Hinde was of the fine old Irish gentry, was reared as a gentleman, and after coming to America became a large land owner in Huron Township, where he died when quite old. He was a member of the Catholic Church and a democrat in politics. Theodosia Shepherd's father was prominent in England as a hop raiser, and she was about seven years of age when her parents moved to the United States, and located in Huron Township of Erie County, where her parents spent the rest of their careers as farmers. Theodosia Shepherd after her marriage to Mr. Hinde became a convert in the Catholic faith and died in that church.

Following her experience as a teacher Mrs. Jeffery was married in 1874 to her first husband, Ephraim Foster. They located at Put-in-Bay, Ohio, where Mr. Foster was for fourteen years a grape grower. They then removed to Sandusky, and Mr. and Mrs. Foster subsequently became estranged and separated. Mrs. Jeffery has three children by her first marriage. Harry E. Foster, born August 9, 1875, grew up and was educated at Sandusky and at Port Clinton, took up the trade of millwright, and was employed in that capacity by a large firm of paper manufacturers who have their main plant at Munsey, Indiana, and a branch plant at Sandusky until 1915, when he came to Berlin Township. He married Amelia Seaman of Port Clinton, Ohio, and their five children are named Georgiana, Douglas, Charlotte, Blanche and Dorothy, all in school. Wilfred W. Foster, born September 17, 1877, was educated in the same schools as his brother, and took up the telephone business, in which he is now engaged, with headquarters at Butte, Montana, and is still unmarried. Leota Foster, born October 14, 1882, is the wife of Jay Ruemmele of Sandusky, and their children, Victor, Wilfred, Earl and Kenneth, are all attending the Sandusky schools.. Mrs. Jeffery was reared in the faith of the Catholic Church and is an active member of that denomination. Since her husband's death she has shown her independent enterprise and is a practical farmer and stock raiser, and is capably managing the fine estate which was left her by the late Henry Jeffery.

Charles A. Huttenlocher. German persistence, thrift and industry, qualities which came over with him from the old country, have enabled Charles A. Huttenlocher to accomplish more than the average man who started life with only a pair of willing hands and a heart courageous for any fate. He now has a valuable farm estate in Berlin

Township, with postoffice at Shinrock, and with that farm as the bulk of his capital has a prosperous and contented outlook for the future and he and his little family are valuable people in the community.

His birthplace was the rugged and beautiful Kingdom of Wuertemberg, and he was born in the Village of Obendorff August 26, 1858. His parents were John and Mary (Martin) Huttenlocher, natives of the same province, his father born in 1825 and his mother December 14, 1822. They both died at Tiffin, Ohio, the former September 10, 1875, and the latter December 14, 1874. The preceding generation of both the Huttenlocher and Martin families had lived and died in Germany. The Huttenlochers were wine growers in a district noted for its vineyards, while her father, Mr. Martin, was engaged in the coloring of cloth in cloth mills. While the Huttenlochers were Lutherans, the Martins were Catholics. John Huttenlocher grew up and was trained in the vineyards of his home locality and was married in his home distrist in 1852. All their children, four in number, were born in the old country. Mary is now the wife of Jacob Deitz, who is now a dry goods box maker in New York City and they have two sons and a daughter. The next in age is Charles A. Minnie, the second daughter, was married in Ohio to Fred J. Eisler, who is now living with his family in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, and was a harness maker by trade but is now employed in the glass works; they have two sons and two daughters. Paul, the only other son, lives on the Isle of Pines in the West Indies, and is a carpenter contractor and unmarried.

It was in the year 1872 that the Huttenlocher family left Germany on the ocean liner Ansonia from Hamburg and arrived in New York City two weeks later. From there they came on to Sandusky and a year later to Tiffin, Ohio, where the father and sons became market gardeners. At that occupation the father died, and the children then took up life individually and on their own accounts.

Charles A. Huttenlocher was fourteen years old when the family came to America, and in less than three years later was deprived of the care of both mother and father. He had to content himself with meager advantages in the way of schooling, and a year after his father's death found employment at Sandusky. After two years or more he married and then moved out to Berlin Township and bought sixty-six acres from William Henry Hine at Shinrock. Upon this land he has since bestowed his vigorous efforts through a period of more than thirty years and has developed an excellent farm. He grows all kinds of grain and potatoes and practically every foot of the land except one acre is under cultivation. He lives in a nice white eight-room house with good substantial farm buildings, including a barn 50x50 feet. The secret of his success has come from hard work and the practical handling of every issue as it arose.

In 1884 in Sandusky Mr. Huttenlocher married Miss Catherine Balderf. She was born in Sandusky November 25, 1848, was reared and educated there, and throughout the thirty years of her married life has proved an effective assistant to her husband and deserves much credit for their present prosperity. Her parents were Joseph and Catherine (Forefelter) Balderf, both natives of Baden, Germany, the former born in Winegarten and the latter in Waldorf. They came to the United States when young on one of the old-fashioned sailing vessels which required many days to cross the ocean. This was in the early '40s, and they met and married in Sandusky, where with the exception of two years spent at Clyde, Ohio, they lived the rest of their lives. Her father died at the age of eighty and her mother at seventy-five. For many years he followed the occupation of drayman in Sandusky. They were Lutherans and he a republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Huttenlocher have one son, Carl Albert, who was born June 24, 1886, and received his education in the local schools of Berlin Township. He is still at home and now assumes a large share of the responsibilities of the farm management. After reaching manhood he married Edith Ferber of Berlin Township. She died at Shinrock seventeen months after her marriage, and only a few days after the death of her first and only child. Mr. and Mrs. Huttenlocher and son are all members of the Evangelical Church at Huron, in which Mr. Huttenlocher has been a trustee for a number of years. He and his son are republicans in national politics, and the latter is affiliated with the Woodmen of the World at Shinrock.

Richard W. Knight. The most satisfying rewards of rural experience have compensated the untiring labors and well directed efforts of Richard W. Knight, who is one of Erie County's progressive and enterprising farmers, and the owner of a valuable estate in Berlin Township. His property has grown and developed under his management, and while always an extremely busy man with his private interests he has still found the time and inclination to assist in movements that would benefit the community.

An Englishman by birth, Richard W. Knight was born in Edgerly, Devonshire, June 29, 1846. His ancestors lived in the same community of Devonshire from which came the famous Boone family to which Daniel Boone belonged. Mr. Knight was still an infant when his parents emigrated to America and located in Huron and a little later in Berlin Township of Erie County. Here he grew up and received his education in the local schools and has thus lived nearly all his life in this prosperous rural community.

His parents were Simon and Ann (Wheaton) Knight. The paternal grandparents were John and Jane (Alvord) Knight, both natives of Devonshire, where they spent all their lives and were past eighty when they died. The grandfather worked at farming and they were Episcopalians. The maternal grandparents were Rev. James and Jane (Wicks) Wheaton, also Devonshire people, where they spent their lives. Rev. James Wheaton was a Methodist minister and died at the age of sixty-four while his wife passed away at eighty-one.

Richard W. Knight was only three years of age when his father came from Plymouth on a sailing vessel under the command of Capt. George Moon, and six weeks later they landed at Montreal, Canada. From Montreal they came down as far as Chippewa on one of the old strap railroads in a car drawn by horses. From there they came up the lake to Sandusky in the boat Magnet, and thence to Huron Township, where Mrs. Knight's uncle, Richard Wheaton, was then living. From Huron they moved into Berlin Township, and the father bought land, but subsequently secured another farm in Huron Township. He was an excellent farmer and a good business man, and eventually became the owner of more than 400 acres in the different townships mentioned. He died April 16, 1901, aged eighty-two years four months, at his beautiful home now owned by Michael Schats on the Berlin Heights and Huron Road. His wife had died August 17, 1888, at the age of sixty-four years and six months. All their lives they were members of the Methodist Church.

In Erie County Richard W. Knight grew to manhood, and after his marriage settled on sixty acres of first class land given him by his father. This was in Berlin Township and has been the nucleus of his home and farming interests ever since. He has been successful as a grower of the staple crops of wheat, corn, oats and potatoes. On January 20, 1875, in Berlin Township he married Miss Mary E. Eggleson. She

was born in New York State January 16, 1852, and when five years of age her parents moved to Fitchville Township in Huron County, and there she grew to young womanhood and received her education. Her parents were John and Elizabeth (Cudahy) Eggleson. Her father was born in the north of Ireland of Scotch ancestry, and while living there married Jane Dailey. After two children were born to them, John and Elizabeth, they came to this country and located in New York City, where the wife died in the prime of her years, one other child, Susan, having been born in New York City. Mr. Eggleson then married Elizabeth Cudahy, who was born in Ireland but of Scotch parents. While they continued to live in New York City three children were born, and they then came to Huron County, Ohio, and here seven children were added to their household, making ten in all by the second marriage. All of these grew up and married except one, so that there were a large family of Egglesons. Mr. Eggleson was employed by Professor Morse, the inventor of the telegraph system, and worked on the first telegraph wire used by Professor Morse between Baltimore and Washington, District of Columbia. This wire was wound with cloth.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight have lived in their first home nearly all their married life, and have worked and labored together to secure the comforts which they now enjoy. They have reared a family of five children. Edith is now the wife of William Ramsey, and they live in Sunny Vale, California, and are the parents of two sons and two daughters. Nellie, is the wife of George Jenkins, an Erie County citizen whose life is sketched on other pages. The son Philip died at the age of twenty, and Irvin at the age of three years. Leland, now twenty years of age, was educated in the Berlin Heights High School and by a course in the International Correspondence School, and is an active assistant to his father in the management of the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Knight are active Methodists, and he and his son are republicans. He has held several minor township offices, especially on the school board, and is affiliated with Marks Lodge No. 359, A. F. & A. M.

George M. Jenkins. For one who was left to the tender mercies of the world at the early age of eleven and has since shifted for himself, George M. Jenkins is one of the most prosperous residents of Berlin Township, where he owns a large and handsome farm situated on the Huron rural route No. 2. He and his wife are excellent people, have an interesting family of children, and without doubt they deserve all the prosperity that has come to them.

Mr. Jenkins is still comparatively a young man, having been born in Berlin Township, August 9, 1876. His parents were William and Melvina (Hill) Jenkins. His father was born in New York State, a son of Elisha and Elizabeth Jenkins. To these grandparents were born in New York State William and Albert, and when they were still small children in the early '50s they all came to Ohio and located at Harvey's Corners in Berlin Township, where Elisha set up a smithy, and continued his trade as a blacksmith, which he had followed in New York and which was his occupation throughout his career in Erie County. Later he moved to the Village of Berlin Heights, and while living there his two sons already mentioned enlisted for service in the Union army and the father later followed them as a substitute for George Hill. They all made a record as faithful and capable soldiers, were in the army for two years or more, and though returning home with impaired health they escaped without wounds. Elisha died not long after the close of the war, being still less than three score years of age. William Jenkins, father of George M., died in 1894 when still in the prime of life. His brother Albert is still living, resides in Berlin Heights, and draws a pension for his service in

the war. After Elisha Jenkins came to Erie County the other children born to himself and wife were: George, Elisha Jr., Elizabeth and Mary, all of whom are now deceased. William Jenkins enlisted for service in the war when still little more than a boy and was still under age when he came home. He subsequently found employment as a shop worker for the Lake Shore Railroad Company, and in that vocation was engaged most of his active life. He died in Berlin Heights. His first wife, Melvina Hill, died when her only child George was eighteen months old. William Jenkins later married Sarah Ewing of Perkins Township, and she died in 1900 leaving four children.

After the death of his mother George M. Jenkins went to the home of his maternal grandparents, John and Charlotta (Swartwood) Hill. He had their kind protection and care until he was eleven years old, when they both died within ten days of each other, victims of pneumonia. From that time forward George M. Jenkins made his own way in the world. He secured a somewhat limited education, and his principal resource in his early years was his inheritance of thirty acres from the estate of his grandparents located in Vermilion Township. He later sold his land, and engaged in general merchandising for five years at Ashmont, Ohio. His next venture was the purchase of a threshing outfit and it is as a thresherman that Mr. Jenkins is perhaps most widely known to the grain raisers and general farmers of Erie County and vicinity. In 1914 he invested his surplus capital in his fine farm of 117 acres, situated in Berlin Township not far from Shinrock and Berlin Heights, and known as the Van Benschoten Farm. It is all good land, well improved, and produces excellent crops of corn, oats, wheat and potatoes and Mr. Jenkins has been particularly successful as a potato raiser. He and his family reside in a large yellow house, containing twelve rooms, and with all the needed comforts and conveniences. An even more substantial evidence of his farm prosperity is the presence of two large barns, one of them nearly new, 24x54 feet, and the other 35x70 feet. Mr. Jenkins specializes in Shropshire sheep, and his flock is headed by two rams of the highest grade, and he keeps only the better grades of stock of all classes. His farm is well known over that part of Berlin Township as the Maple Grove Farm.

Early in his career Mr. Jenkins was married in Berlin Township to Helen E. Knight. She was born in Huron Township, Erie County, September 17, 1878, and received her education in Berlin Township. Her parents were Richard W. and Mary E. (Eggleson) Knight. Her father was born in England in 1846 and was brought to the United States in 1849. Her mother was born in New York State in 1852 of Scotch parents. They were married in Huron County, Ohio, and subsequently moved to a farm in Berlin Township, where they are still living, and her father is now sixty-nine and her mother sixty years of age, and both are of the Methodist faith.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins were born the following children: Clifford Leroy, born November 29, 1899, now a student in the high school; Philip T., born April 15, 1902, and attending the eighth grade of the local schools; Edna L., born May 11, 1904, and in the seventh grade; Marion E., born June 18, 1906, and in the fourth grade; Robert Leslie, born January 21, 1911, is in the second grade; and Ruth, who died in infancy at the age of eight months. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are well known socially in Berlin Township and have a most hospitable and attractive home. Mr. Jenkins is affiliated with the Tent of the Maccabees at Vermilion and in politics is a republican.

Charles H. Conklin. Some of the family names best known and most highly esteemed in Berlin Township require mention in considering

the life and activities of Charles H. Conklin, who bears the reputation of being a real farmer, a man who makes agriculture a successful business instead of a haphazard pursuit, and has deservedly prospered. He has the capable assistance in his home of Mrs. Conklin, who is herself a fine housekeeper, and is a woman not only of refinement but of valid judgment. Their home is on the Wikel Road in the western part of Berlin Township.

The Conklin family lived for several generations on Long Island in the State of New York. His father, John Conklin, was born at Jamestown, Long Island, September 21, 1846, and died at his home in Milan Township, May 2, 1880. He came to Milan Township in 1864 with his parents, David and Hannah (Sweeze) Conklin, both of whom were natives of Long Island, and became substantial farmer citizens in Milan Township. David Conklin died at the age of sixty-nine and his wife passed away at eighty-four. They were members of the Congregational Church and her father, Reverend Mr. Sweeze, was a Congregational preacher. Their children were Benjamin, Moses, Nehemiah and John, all of whom married and all are now deceased.

John Conklin grew up in Milan Township, became a farmer and was actively and prosperously engaged in that business until his death. He was married in Milan Township to Emma R. Hyatt, who was born at Bronson in Branch County, Michigan, July 18, 1851. After their marriage they lived on David Conklin's farm for a time, until John bought a place of his own. After his death Mrs. Conklin married Fred J. Groves, a substantial farmer of Berlin Township. She is still living and resides on her farm of ninety acres in Berlin Township. By her marriage to Mr. Groves there are three children: Nelson A., who is a Milan Township farmer and by his marriage to Edna Bemis of Clyde, Ohio, has a daughter, Frances E., who was born in February, 1912; Olive L. is the wife of Charles Doust, superintendent of schools at Versailles, Ohio, both of them being capable educators, graduates of the college at Wooster, Ohio, where Mr. Doust continued his studies in the University of Ohio at Columbus, and they have a son Grover E., who was born in September, 1913; and Harold H., who graduated from the Berlin Heights High School in 1915 and is living at home with his mother. Mrs. Groves is a daughter of Nelson and Klimelia (Butler) Hyatt, both of whom were born in Ohio and were married in Milan Township. Later they removed to the vicinity of Bronson in Branch County, Michigan, and for twenty years lived on a farm there where Mr. Hyatt operated a sawmill by water power. While back in Milan Township on a visit the mother of Mrs. Groves died in 1860 at the age of thirty-seven. Mr. Hyatt afterwards married a second time in Michigan and died there in 1871 when about seventy years of age. Mrs. Nelson (Butler) Hyatt was a daughter of Daniel and Jemima (Bishop) Butler, both of whom were born in Massachusetts, were married in that state and were among the very early settlers of Northern Ohio, having come out about 1812, making the entire journey by teams and wagons to Berlin Township. They had to blaze their way through the dense woods to their chosen location on the west line of Berlin Township and there they lived in a log cabin and in the midst of bears and wolves, Indians, and all other features of the frontier environment. Mr. Butler died there at the age of seventy-six and his widow subsequently removed to Michigan and died in that state at the age of eighty-four. The Butlers were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and they gave land from the corner of their farm in Berlin Township as a site for the Methodist Church in that community.

Charles H. Conklin is one of six children. His sister, Minnie, died in infancy; Hattie is the widow of George Capen, lives in Berlin Heights and has four daughters and two sons; Lydia is the wife of John James

Mason, a farmer and fruit grower on the State Road in Berlin Township, and they have a daughter named Ina; the next in age is Charles H.; Benjamin is a successful farmer in Milan Township and married Mabel Greenman; Sadie died in March, 1877, when very young.

On the old Conklin farm in Milan Township, Charles H. Conklin was born August 16, 1875. His early life was spent much in the manner of other farmer boys, and his education came from the common schools and like many others he derived much inspiration as well as instruction from that notable educator, Job Fish, of Berlin Heights. His duties kept him at home until April 25, 1899, at which date he bought and moved to his own farm of fifty-one acres in Berlin Township, not far from where he was born. Though not a large farm, this is one which might be taken as a model for its intensive cultivation and excellent improvements. Mr. and Mrs. Conklin reside in a new nine-room house, well and tastefully furnished and with all the arrangements and conveniences required for comfortable living. Outside stands a large barn on a foundation 30x56 feet, attached to which is a sixteen-foot shed. Mr. Conklin's crops set a high standard as to yield per acre and he grows corn, wheat, oats, and potatoes, and also has made somewhat of a specialty of growing sweet corn for seed, having about fifteen acres planted in that crop. He also keeps good grades of live stock. During the season Mr. Conklin operates a threshing outfit for the service of the grain growers over a large territory around his home.

Mrs. Conklin was Miss Nora Wikel, and they were married in Milan Township. She was born in Sanders County, Nebraska, April 25, 1876, but when eight years of age her parents returned to Erie County and located in Milan Township where she grew up and received her education. Her parents were John C. and Mary H. (Scow) Wikel, her father born in Lime Township of Huron County, Ohio, May 31, 1848, a son of German parents who were early settlers in Huron County. Mr. Wikel died at his home in Milan Township, March 30, 1904. He was a democrat, and for a number of years held the office of township trustee and was a man of high character, solid attainments and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of a large community. He was married in Nebraska, his wife being a native of Norway. She was born August 2, 1853, and when eighteen years old accompanied her parents to the United States, settling in Nebraska, where she lived until her marriage. She is now residing on the Wikel home in Milan Township. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which her husband also belonged, and of their children six are still living: George, Lewis, Mrs. Conklin, Henry, Marion and Belle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Conklin was born a daughter, Dorothy Bell, on February 28, 1903, and now in the seventh grade of the public schools; and a son, John Clifford, was born May 16, 1908, and is now in the second grade. Mr. and Mrs. Conklin are members of the Friends Church in Berlin Township, and he is one of the officials in that society. Both he and his wife are identified with the Milan Grange No. 345 of the Patrons of Husbandry. In politics he is a republican.

Charles B. Dickel. Practically every successful career is actuated by an earnest purpose and an energy of action sufficient to carry out definite plans of accomplishment. As a result of such qualities Charles B. Dickel has made himself one of the leading general farmers and stock raisers in Berlin Township. From an early age he has been self-reliant and independent, and for his success owes more to himself than to any influence or environment.

On the rural route No. 2 out of Huron is located the well improved farm of Mr. Dickel, comprising eighty-seven acres. Conspicuous among

the improvements is a comfortable seven-room white house, and near by is a large and substantial barn, 36x64 feet. As a stock farmer he gives attention to the best grades of animals, has Jersey red hogs, and a number of excellent horses and cattle. He has succeeded in growing all the staple crops of Northern Ohio, and has raised as high as 300 bushels of potatoes to the acre. Mr. Dickel bought his first farm in 1902, and the fine buildings above mentioned have been all erected since the beginning of his management.

Though a native of Germany, Mr. Dickel has spent practically all his life in Erie County. He was born May 10, 1870, and when two years of age came with his parents and three sisters to the United States, landing in New York City, and thence going to Vermilion Township. His early life was spent in Vermilion, and his education came from local schools. On reaching his majority he came into Berlin Township, and for seven years conducted the Monroe Black farm. He not only made a living and gained valuable experience while operating this farm, but also accumulated the capital which he invested in his present place.

He is a son of George and Catherine (Cook) Dickel, both of whom were born in Germany and were reared there on a farm and after their marriage set out in 1872 for America. The four children they brought with them were Mary, Eliza, Anna, and Charles B. The family first lived as renters on a farm in Vermilion Township, and the father subsequently bought a place of his own. In 1901 the mother passed away at the age of seventy-one years, nine months to the day. Mr. Dickel has since married Catherine (Fox) Heins, and they now live on their farm in Vermilion Township, Mr. Dickel having celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday on February 25, 1915. From early youth he has worshiped in the Reformed Church, and the same religious faith as held by his wife. In politics he is a democrat.

In Vermilion Township Charles B. Dickel married Anna C. E. Ackermann, who was born in that township, June 8, 1868. From the age of eighteen she was for seven years a domestic in the Gus Black family, and came into a home of her own well trained by experience and with many qualities of heart and mind which have excellently fitted her for the duties of housekeeper and motherhood. Her parents were Martin and Mary (Bachmann) Ackermann, who were natives of Germany and came when young people to Erie County, where they met and married in Vermilion Township. They later moved to another section of the same township near Ruggles Corners on the lake shore, and died there after having improved and paid for a good farm of sixty acres. Mr. Ackermann died in February, 1896, when fifty-five years of age, and his widow is still living on the old homestead and was seventy-two years old October 12, 1914. She is a member of the German Reformed Church and her husband donated the land for the church building on a portion of his farm. In politics he was a democrat. Mrs. Dickel is one of six daughters and two sons, all of whom are living and of the six that are married five have children.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dickel were born two children: Albert M., who was born February 19, 1895, was graduated from high school in 1914, and is now a student in the Sandusky Business College. Adaline, born June 15, 1897, was graduated from high school in 1915. Both these young people have shown the qualities which give promise of useful and honorable careers. The daughter has musical talent, and for several years has been under the tuition of good teachers. Mrs. Dickel is a member of the Reformed Church while her husband is a democrat in politics.

William Datson. Among the various elements of national stocks that compose the population of Erie County, there is quite a liberal

representation of people of English birth or parentage. One of these is William Datson, a capable farmer and fruit grower in Berlin Township, who is a native of England, but has lived in Ohio since before reaching his majority.

Born at Gillington in County Kent, England, July 27, 1840, he is a son of William and Ann (Roper) Datson, both of whom were natives of Kent County. His parents were married there, and to their union were born ten children, nine of whom lived to come to America. William Datson in March, 1859, accompanied by his oldest son, came to the United States on a sailing vessel which landed them six weeks later in New York. Some time later they reached Cleveland, and located at Collmer, east of that city, where the father prepared a home for his family. In November, 1859, the wife with eight children made the voyage from London to Castle Garden, and soon afterward joined the father and son at Collmer. In the following year they moved to East Cleveland, and in 1861 William Datson, who had then just reached maturity, went to Townsend, now Collins in Huron County, and six months later was joined by his parents and the rest of the family. Some years later the parents returned to East Cleveland, where Mrs. Datson died in 1876 when past sixty years of age. William Datson, the father, went to Youngstown, Ohio, and when nearly ninety years of age passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jesse Stephens. The names of the children were Richard, William, Ann, Jemima, Amelia, Susie, Mary, James and John. All of these reached adult years, all married, and children were born to all of them except two. The four still living are Richard, William, Susie and Mary.

As has been suggested, the Datson family were not people who possessed large means before they found homes in the United States. Consequently William Datson had to become partially self supporting at a time when most boys were at school. At the age of ten he was employed on an oyster boat at 25 cents per week, and the food supply was such that nearly all the time he was half starved. By the time he was fourteen he was mate on a hundred-ton vessel plying the waters of the Thames and Medway. This was his regular vocation until nearly nineteen years of age, and he might have continued a seafaring career had not the family determined about that time to move to America. He was just on the point of being made captain of a vessel when the duty devolved upon him of accompanying his mother and brothers and sisters to the United States. After his arrival in Huron County as above noted he performed all kinds of labor and helped to establish the family, and at the same time managed to save some money of his own. In 1865 this modest capital was invested in eight acres in Berlin Township of Erie County. From time to time he increased his small holdings, having the co-operation of his good wife in this laudable enterprise, and at the present time has a valuable small farm of thirty-four acres, all of it rich soil, and with an orchard of about 1,000 fruit trees. He owns a substantial home, has barns and other buildings, and is able to face the future without dread.

Mr. Datson was first married at Cleveland to Miss Sarah Cook, who was born in Lincolnshire, England, in October, 1840, and came to the United States when quite young and located in Erie County. She died at the home of her mother in Berlin Township in 1867. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. By this marriage there was one daughter, Helen I., who was born July 28, 1863, and is now the wife of James Buck, a farmer implement dealer at Berlinville, their two children are named Ina and Esther, both of whom were well educated in high school, and Ina is now the wife of Edward Riggs and has a daughter Helen.

On November 16, 1870, Mr. Datson married, in Erie County, Mary Bogart. She was born in Albany County, New York, March 17, 1849, and was two years of age when she came to Florence Township, Erie County, with her parents James and Hannah M. (Spore) Bogart. Both her father and mother were born in the month of May, 1819, the former on the 18th and the latter on the 6th, and were married October 30, 1845. They came to Ohio in 1851 with their only daughter, lived for several years in Florence Township, and later moved to Berlin Township, where they died, the father on April 18, 1893, and the mother on August 10, 1885. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and in politics he was an active and ardent republican. To the Bogart family were born two daughters after they came to Erie County, Eugenia, who is wife of Albert Robert of Berlin Township, and has a son, Jesse; and Henrietta, who married Charles Cables, but is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Datson have three daughters. Retta was born November 5, 1872, and died at the age of ten months. Myra, born February 15, 1874, is the wife of William D. Daugherty, general agent for the Nickel Plate Railway at Avery and also postmaster of that village. Edith A., born March 2, 1877, died April 7th of the same year. Mr. and Mrs. Datson are members of the Methodist Church, and he has been a regular voter of the prohibition ticket since the time of St. John.

Charles A. Hardy. The most conspicuous group of first settlers in Erie County included those people who came out early in the nineteenth century to occupy the lands set aside under the title "Fire Lands" for the benefit of the settlers on the Atlantic Coast who suffered from the invasion of the British. Quite a goodly number of the descendants of these fire land settlers are to be found in Erie County, and it is of this old and substantial stock that Charles A. Hardy comes. Mr. Hardy has a substantial home in Berlin Township, along the Rural Route No. 2 out of Berlin Heights.

His lineage is English, and the family for a generation or more resided in New York State. His grandfather was Samuel S. Hardy, who was born in New York State about 1790. He became a lumberman and farmer and married Miss Foster. In the fall of 1830 they came with wagons and teams across the wide intervening distance to what is now known as the John Kurtz farm in Berlin Township. The land they secured was not obtained directly from the Government, but its previous owners had made no improvement, and their first home was in the unbroken wilderness. They constructed a log cabin as their first habitation, and Samuel spent many months in clearing off the virgin forests to make room for his first crops. The grain he raised among the stumps was threshed out with a flail, and in the early days they cooked their food in kettles hung from the crane in the chimney. Samuel S. Hardy and wife died in that homestead, he in 1845 and his widow some years later. Their daughter Flora was willed the estate of 100 acres as a reward for having devoted many of the best years of her life to the care of her mother, and she married when quite old, but left no children. The other children in the family were Minerva, Eri, Adelia, Ara, Edith, Celia and Volny. All these children married and all had children of their own.

Volny Hardy was born in New York State in 1820 and was about ten years of age when he came to Erie County. Circumstances did not permit him obtaining a liberal education and from early years he took his place as a working member of the household and assisted in developing the wild farm to cultivated fields. He also learned the trade of cabinet maker, and followed that with some success until his death, when about thirty-three years of age. He was married in Berlin Township to Eme-

Charles A Hardy

line Fox. She was born in Berlin Township upon the old Fox estate, now a part of the farm owned by Mr. Charles A. Hardy. She died at her old home in 1896. She was one of the youngest among eight children born to Anson and Susan (Mingus) Fox, both of whom were natives of Connecticut, and came during the decade of the '20s to Ohio and bought a tract of the fire lands situated in what is now the northern part of Berlin Township. They secured this quarter section direct from the Government, and thus were original occupants of this noted district in Northern Ohio. As early settlers they possessed all the more prominent characteristics of the true pioneer type. Their first home was a log cabin and it required years of self sacrifice and toil to provide the comforts which they handed on to succeeding generations. In the early days their home was surrounded by the primeval forest through which roamed the Indians and all kinds of wild game and animals, and they enacted the rugged and simple annals of courageous frontier people. A number of the Fox family were Spiritualists in religion, while the Hardys were Methodists.

Charles A. Hardy was the third in a family of four children. The oldest, Andrew, died after his marriage. Anna is the widow of George Ashman and lives in Defiance. Alfred died unmarried at Defiance at the age of fifty-seven.

Charles A. Hardy was born August 20, 1849. After his education, which came partly from the schools and partly from his early initiative into the duties and responsibilities of the household, he took up farming as his vocation, and for many years has been one of the able agriculturists of Berlin Township. His farm now comprises 122 acres, and he and his good wife now enjoy the comforts of a new residence, built in modern style and with nine rooms. He also has an excellent farm and other outbuildings, and owns another farm occupied by his son, which also has good improvements.

Thirty-eight years ago in Berlin Township Mr. Hardy married Miss Capitola Gardner. She was born in Corry in Northwestern Pennsylvania, January 28, 1859, but when six years of age was brought to Erie County, Ohio, and grew up and received her education in this locality. Mrs. Hardy has proved a devoted wife and an excellent mother, and she and her husband have made their home noted for its generous hospitality. Mrs. Hardy is one of the excellent cooks in Berlin Township, and that accomplishment is only one of the many things which make their home a place of pleasureable entertainment for their many friends. Mrs. Hardy is a daughter of Leroy and Rosa (Brown) Gardner. Her father was born in New York State and her mother in Pennsylvania, and they were married in the latter state and came from there to Erie County. Here her mother died in 1887 at the age of forty-eight. Her father is still living and is seventy-nine years of age. He has been three times married.

Two sons have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy. Andrew L. is a farmer on his father's place in Berlin Township and is also a blacksmith by trade; by his marriage to Christine Hasle of Berlin Township he has four children: Volney, Vivian, Vesta and Victor. Carl A., the youngest son, was born December 29, 1895, and has also completed his education and assists his father in the management of the homestead. The family attend the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Hardy and his sons are democrats.

Frank M. Stevenson. Among the wholesome, thrifty and generous people of Berlin Township are to be numbered Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Stevenson, who reside on their fine rural home near Berlin Heights, having the daily mail facilities over rural route No. 2. During the many

years they have lived there Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson have surrounded themselves with all the things necessary to make life attractive in the country. Their home is a large nine-room two and a half story house, with a good complement of other buildings, including a barn 30x50 feet, corn cribs, granaries, tool shed and a good orchard supplies all the fruit they need. Mrs. Stevenson is a kindly hospitable housewife, while Mr. Stevenson shows to equal advantage as a successful farm manager.

Born in Pittsfield, Lorain County, Ohio, June 12, 1864, Frank M. Stevenson is of old English family, a son of George and Mary (Speed) Stevenson, both of whom were natives of Lincolnshire, England. His father was born in 1827, and his wife was a few years younger. When each was about fourteen years of age they came with their respective parents to the United States. William and Almira Stevenson, the parents of George, located in Lorain County, where they spent the rest of their lives as farmers near LaGrange. They died when about eighty years of age. William and Ann Speed, the parents of Mrs. George Stevenson, located at Zanesville, Ohio, and died there when nearly ninety years of age. Both the Speed and Stevenson families were of the good old English stock, thrifty, pious, and well qualified to perform their own work in the world and rear children to lives of usefulness and honor. When the Stevenson family came to America in 1847 a sailing vessel carried them across the ocean and they were six weeks on the voyage. After their marriage George Stevenson and wife left Zanesville and moved to Pittsfield in Lorain County, where he gained a livelihood as a carpenter and mechanic and farmer. He died there thirty-five years ago when about fifty-two years of age, and his widow is still living in Lorain County at the age of seventy-nine, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. William Silic of LaGrange.

George Stevenson and wife were people of earnest natures, were good neighbors, and in politics he was a strong republican. There were nine children in their family: John, who lives in Lorain County and has one son; William, a farmer in Lorain County, who has been twice married and has three daughters; Ann, now deceased, who was the first wife of William Silic of Pittsfield, Lorain County; Charles, who died at the early age of twenty-two years; Frank M.; James, who is a farmer at Wellington in Lorain County and is married but has no children; Tillie, who is the second wife of William Silic of Lorain County, and the mother of four children; Maud, who is the wife of Bert Gates of Lorain County, and has three children; and Thomas, who died at the age of fourteen years.

It was in Lorain County that Frank M. Stevenson grew to manhood and acquired his early education. He trained for the life of a farmer and he has made that vocation the foundation of a profitable and honorable career. From Lorain he came to Erie County, and was married in Berlin Township to Miss Eva Springer. Mrs. Stevenson was born on the farm which has ever since been her home. In its present form it comprises seventy-six acres of well cultivated and fertile soil, situated not far from Berlinville and Shinrock on the Berlinville road. Mrs. Stevenson was born there October 29, 1869, and gained her education in the public schools. She is a daughter of George Springer and a granddaughter of Job Springer. Her father was born in Ohio and her grandfather in New York State. The latter was married after coming to Ohio to Miss Sayles of Ohio, and they spent the rest of their lives in Berlin Township. George Springer, who is now retired, was for many years a farmer. Mrs. Stevenson's mother was Lodema V. Fuller, who was born on the farm now occupied by the Stevenson family on March 4, 1845, and spent her life in that community, where she died in 1900. She was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Stevenson

grew to womanhood in the home of her uncle and aunt, Waterman C. Fisk and his sister, Roby Ann Fisk. Her uncle Waterman died in Berlin Township at the age of ninety-eight, while his sister likewise enjoyed a long life, being seventy-seven when she died. Waterman Fisk was born May 1, 1809, and his sister May 23, 1819. They were natives of New York State, and when quite young moved to Erie County and were among the early settlers in Berlin Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson have one son, Thomas Mathews Stevenson, who was born May 14, 1890, was reared and educatetd in Berlin Township and attended the Berlin Heights schools, and is still at home assisting in the management of the farm. Mr. Stevenson in politics is a republican.

Adam W. Hast. Farming is now both a practical and scientific business and many of the most successful farmers are pursuing it according to the intensive method, making one acre grow what the old-fashioned husbandmen produced on two or three acres. A conspicuous illustration of this method is found in the enterprise of Adam W. Hast, now one of the largest land owners in Berlin Township in the country adjacent to the lake shore. Mr. Hast had hard work in getting a start, was a renter for a number of years, but since gaining a foothold has made rapid progress in the accumulation of material prosperity and in directing the operations of an increasing estate. He is one of the progressive farmer citizens of Erie County, and there are few who have more to show for their work.

Though nearly all his life has been spent in Erie County, Mr. Hast was born in Hessen-Nassau, Germany, October 6, 1862, a son of Adam and Anna Catherine (Miller) Hast. His mother was a daughter of William Miller, a native of Luedersdorf, Germany, and a farmer and a wagonmaker by trade. Adam Hast, Sr., belonged to an old Hessen-Nassau family, and they had lived in the old town of Neidernaula for more than a century. They were of the farming class. While he lived in Germany Adam Hast and wife had three children born to them: Jennie, Adam W. and Sophia. Then in the winter of 1866 he started out alone to investigate the opportunities of the New World. He embarked on a sailing vessel at Bremen. This vessel when about three days' sail from New York encountered a terrific storm which nearly swamped the boat and drove it back on its course so that for two or three weeks they were driven first one way and then another and nearly two months after the start the ship limped into the harbor at Liverpool. There the seven hundred passengers were transferred to a steam vessel and carried on to New York City. It was ninety-two days from the time Mr. Hast left Bremen before he was safely landed in New York. In the meantime while three of the passengers died, there were three births, so that the number that landed was the same as that which started. Adam Hast went on into the interior, spent a short time in Illinois, and in the meantime sent for his wife and children. They came across and he joined them at Brownhelm in Lorain County, Ohio. In that county Adam Hast, Sr. bought a small farm, and lived there until 1877, when he moved to Erie County and acquired fifty acres of the old Douglas homestead situated on the lake shore in Berlin Township. Adam Hast continued to live there, made many improvements, and prospered in a quiet way until his death on April 19, 1911. His widow now lives with her youngest daughter Mrs. Henry Hartman, and is now eighty-four years of age, having been born March 11, 1831. Both she and her husband were confirmed when children in the German Reformed Church. Her husband was a democrat in politics. A record of their children is as follows: Jennie is the wife of Charles Brown of Bremen, Ohio, and they have a son and two daugh-

ters. The next one in age is Adam W. Sophia is the wife of Charles Douglas, and they live at Florence in the state of Arizona, where Mr. Douglas is a miner and fruit farmer. Anna is the wife of George Hartman, a successful farmer and fruit grower and horse breeder and now serving as township trustee of Berlin, where he and his wife live and have a son and two daughters. Catherine is the wife of Henry Hartman, living on the old Hast homestead near the lake shore.

Adam W. Hast was reared and educated in Berlin Township, and after reaching his majority started out to turn his previous training to profitable account as a farmer. He rented land for nine years, farming the old Theodore Hine place just outside the corporation limits of Berlin Heights. With the accumulations of these years he bought eighty acres of land where he now lives. His home is one of the most attractive in Berlin Township, has all the conveniences and comforts, and is beautifully situated. It is a fine old-fashioned home, a large white building with twelve rooms, and nearby are two barns, one 28x32 feet and another 32x50 feet. Since buying this land Mr. Hast has made rapid progress, and later bought a small place of sixteen acres and from time to time other land until his ownership now extends to more than 250 acres, all in Berlin Township. His farming enterprise is diversified and extends to the raising of fine stock, large crops of wheat, corn, oats and potatoes, and he is also one of the large fruit growers along the lake shore. On his lake shore farm he has a nine-acre peach orchard, and at his home place he has four acres in apples, one acre in peaches and two acres in pears.

While gaining this valuable stake in Erie County Mr. Hast has also reared and provided liberally for a large family. He was married in Vermilion Township to Bertha Ackerman, who was born in that township May 3, 1867, and was educated in the public schools. She is a daughter of German parents, Fred and Eliza (Kothe) Ackerman, both now deceased, having married and spent many years in Vermilion Township. Sophia, who was the first child born into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hast, was born January 8, 1887, was graduated from the Berlin Heights High School in 1904, subsequently graduated from the Oberlin Business College, spent several years at Sandusky as deputy county recorder, and is now the wife of Warren Croll, living at Akron, and they have a son named Robert. Lydia, the second of the family, was born October 3, 1888, graduated in 1905 from the high school at Berlin Heights, later attended Oberlin Summer School, and attended school at Athens, Ohio, spent four years in successful work as a teacher, and is now married to Ralph Cobb, a farmer in Berlin Township, and their one son is named Edwin. Frederick William, born August 28, 1890, graduated from the high school at Berlin Heights in 1910, spent one year in the Ohio State University, and is now a promising young man who assists his father in the management of the farm. Clara A., born April 20, 1892, graduated from high school in the class of 1910, subsequently graduated from the Oberlin Business College, and is now connected with the Kelley Plastering Company at Sandusky. Harold Oscar, born April 22, 1896, completed his education and is still at home. Elizabeth, born August 23, 1898, is a member of the class of 1916 in the Berlin Heights High School. Adam W., Jr., was born April 9, 1902, Florence was born September 1, 1905, both being in school, and the youngest is Bertha, born April 27, 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Hast are active members of the Congregational Church at Berlin Heights, and he is one of the trustees of the church. He and his son Fred are democrats in national politics, but exercise a wise discretion in their choice of local candidates. Mr. Hast and his sons are members of the Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 391 at Berlin Heights,

and the father is a past chancellor of the order and has been a delegate to the state grand lodge in Cincinnati. He is also a member of the Woodmen of the World at Shinrock, has passed through all the chairs of the local camp, and has attended the state lodge at Sandusky.

James Douglass. For more than eighty years the Douglass family has had its seat in Erie County. The late James Douglass is well remembered by the older settlers for his solid ability and worth as a farmer in Berlin Township, and for his prominence in local affairs and both local and state politics. Mrs. Douglass is still living and occupying a part of the old homestead, situated on Rural Route No. 2 out of Huron and is one of the notable women of her locality. For many years she was active with her husband in the Patrons of Husbandry, and is still active as a member of the Berlin Heights Tuesday Tourist Club, before which organization she has read numerous papers.

The ancestry of this family goes back to one of the oldest and most conspicuous clans of Scotland. The Douglass Clan wore the plaid and for many generations its members were connected with the most historic events in Scotland. The most prevalent Christian name in the family was Robert, and both the grandfather and the father of the late James Douglass bore that name. Robert Douglass, Sr., lived and died in Jedd-borough, Scotland, where was one of the old homes of the family. Robert Douglass, Jr., was born in Dumfries in 1793, grew up in Scotland, learned the trade of millwright, and in his native city married Mary Black, who was also of good Scotch stock. After their marriage they continued to reside in Scotland a few years and during that time Agnes, Margaret and Robert were born to them. While these were still small children they embarked on a sailing vessel, and encountered a tempestuous sea and spent eleven weeks before landing at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. In Canada Robert Douglass became proprietor of a hotel at Hamilton, and lived there a number of years, during which time his children, George, Mary and James were born. In 1830 Robert Douglass was induced to remove to Buffalo, New York, and became interested in a brewery. At the end of three years the business had become badly involved and the partner ran away and left Mr. Douglass with all the obligations. He never lost courage, nor did his wife, and she assisted him during that critical time by making shirts for the lake sailors at 25 cents apiece. About this time Mr. Douglass met Harlow Case, who was then postmaster at Buffalo. Mr. Case's stepfather, Judge Almon Ruggles, owned 640 acres of land in Berlin Township of Erie County, Ohio. Robert Douglass accepted the invitation to go to Erie County and secure employment. Thus in 1833 he came out to this new country, and soon showed such capacity for business that Judge Ruggles sold him fifty acres of fine land on the lake shore, with liberal credit and time. This land was all wild and uncultivated except five acres. Judge Ruggles thus showed his keen judgment of men and secured a good neighbor in Robert Douglass. Robert Douglass spent the rest of his active life in Berlin Township, reared his family well, and became prominent in a local way. In addition to farming he also worked as a cooper for some years. He died in 1868 and his widow later went to Toledo and died there in the fall of 1874 at the age of eighty-four. They were members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and he was first a whig and later a republican in politics. He also wielded facile pen and was quite well known locally as a poet. In addition to the children already mentioned as born in Scotland and Canada there were three others, Betsey, Isabel and Letitia, who were probably born in New York State, and all were married except Betsey and Letitia, and all are now deceased.

The late James Douglass was born at Hamilton, Canada, June 10, 1824, and came into the world strong and healthy and with a good endowment of intellect. He grew up in Erie County from the age of nine years, and acquired his education in local schools. On reaching his majority he began earning his own way in the world, invested his earnings in land, and altogether accumulated about 230 acres, most of which were developed into highly cultivated tracts for the growing of fruit and other crops. He became well known in many ways, was prominent in the democratic party, and in 1874 was elected a member of the Legislature and was re-elected. He represented his district altogether for eight years. In 1882 he was elected to the office of county commissioner, in which he served two terms of three years each. His most important office came with his appointment in 1890 as a member of the State Board of Equalization, to the duties of which he gave his time and judgment for two years.

The late James Douglass died at his home in Erie County August 1, 1899, at the age of seventy-five. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and for many years was one of the most conspicuous leaders in the Patrons of Husbandry, serving as master both in the local and state granges. He was also connected with school affairs.

James Douglass was married in Berlin Township November 24, 1857, to Miss Cornelia A. King, who was born at Randolph, New York, January 5, 1833. Mrs. Douglass has lived in Erie County since 1834, having grown up in this part of the state. Since her husband's death she has occupied the old home with twenty-five acres of surrounding land, and that is one of the beauty spots along the lake shore in Berlin Township. Her home is a popular gathering place for a large circle of friends, and all have a hearty welcome under her hospitable roof. Mrs. Douglass is a daughter of Gideon King, and a granddaughter of Gideon King, Sr. Her grandfather was an early settler at Randolph, Cattaraugus County, New York, and married Diantha Pixley, and both died at Randolph. Gideon, Jr., was born in Randolph, New York, November 15, 1795, and married Maria Hopkins, who was of the same family as Stephen Hopkins, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. She was born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, July 10, 1799, a daughter of Moses Hopkins. The children of Gideon and Maria were all born in New York, and in 1834 the family came out to Erie County, Ohio. From Buffalo they took a boat to Huron and after two years in Berlin Township went to the Village of Norwalk, spent ten years there, and in 1845 returned to Berlin Township. Gideon King thereafter was a farmer in this township and died there in January, 1879. He was survived by his widow, who passed away at the age of eighty-eight, and was strong in intellect to the last. Both of them were active members of the Presbyterian Church.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Douglass were as follows: William L., who was born in October, 1865, was well trained and educated, and is now a prominent farmer, the owner of a fine place on the lake near the old homestead where he grows large crops, particularly peaches, to which fruit he has many acres planted; he married Anna Hill, a native of Pennsylvania, and without children of their own they have adopted a daughter, Winifred, who is now attending school. Dr. James King Douglass, the second child, was graduated from the University of Michigan in the dental department in 1894, and now has a fine practice at Sandusky; he married Maora Hill of Berlin Heights, and they have a daughter, Elizabeth, aged thirteen and now in the eighth grade of the public schools. Mary, who was born on the old farm in 1872, and was educated in the public schools and in the Northern Ohio Normal

School at Ada, became a teacher, and in 1900 married George S. Cook. Mr. Cook, who managed the homestead of Mrs. Douglass for some years, died July 31, 1914; he was a prominent member of Mark Lodge No. 359, A. F. & A. M., and had passed most of the chairs in that order and was also affiliated with the Berlin Heights Lodge in the Knights of Pythias, in which he was past chancellor.

WILLIAM CHARLES HEYMANN. From the earliest years of settlement Erie county's position on the Lake Erie shore has brought many substantial benefits to that locality, and not least among these is the large fishing industry which has important centers in the various lake ports along the south side of this fresh water sea. In alluding to the various families and individuals who have been most prominent in this business, foremost mention must be given to the Heymanns who for more than half a century have been identified with the business at Huron. Huron also claims the citizens of that name as among its most substantial men, and their industry has contributed in no small degree to the importance and prosperity of the village.

The late William Charles Heymann, whose two sons now carry on the active affairs of the business which he began before the Civil war, was born in Kaltenholzhausen, Nassau, Germany, March 1, 1834, and lived to be more than four score years of age. He came of strong and wholesome stock, his ancestors having been of the pastoral class of Germans, people of limited means but of most honest and industrious character. The father was Conrad Heymann, who reared a large family of children and endowed them with strong bodies and a willingness to work, characteristics which without any other advantages would certainly work to their credit and honorable stations in life. Most of these children founded homes in free America, and a number of them became identified with Erie county, Ohio.

William Charles Heymann was fourteen years of age and had completed the course of the common schools in Germany, when he left the fatherland and with a party of neighbors and possibly some of his relatives came to seek his fortune in the New World. The record of his early life and experience is now largely a matter of tradition, and it is believed that when he left Germany he passed through France and took passage on some boat at a French port, believed to be Havre. He was at least eight weeks on this vessel before it reached Castle Garden, New York, and thence he came by river and canal to Buffalo and up the lake to the welcome shores of Northern Ohio. The village of Huron was then a small but thriving lake port, and one of the favorite harbors and shipping points of the early days. His early training in honest and industrious habits profited him from the instant he arrived in Huron. The first ten years he applied himself with willing heart and hand to any occupation which promised legitimate returns and some possibilities of advancement. He had the qualities of efficiency and fidelity and never had to be pressed in order to perform his tasks in the best possible manner. Thus his services were in demand, and there was never a time in this early portion of his career when he had to seek employment. After he had lived in the country for some time his parents and other members of the family came to America, and all of them became identified with the State of Ohio.

William C. Heymann was still a boy in his teens when he was given the responsibility of looking after a grain elevator at Milan in Erie County. The manager of that elevator was unable to perform his duties on account of illness, and for one year the business entirely devolved upon the shoulders of young Heymann. It was the first important test of his real capacity for business, and he not only gave close attention to

his work but kept his accounts so straight that he was not only complimented by his employer but given a substantial bonus in recognition of his work. Later he was given a place by the Wickham Company in charge of their grain elevator, and the trustworthy manner in which he performed his duties soon gave him a larger outlook on business and he was promoted to the position of fish buyer for the Wickham concern. He also bought for Charles Ryan, another prominent fish dealer of that time. Thus he was gradually drawn into the industry which for so many years he followed and on which he built up his substantial fortune.

About 1860 Mr. Heymann took up the independent business of dealing in lake fish and also acquired the equipment and entered into the field as a producer or catcher. He operated both in Lake Erie and Lake Michigan, but his headquarters were always in Huron. His operations soon brought him to a position among the largest fish takers out of these lakes. The late Mr. Heymann was active in the management of his large business until 1903, and in that time his name became familiar through his dealings with all the important commission, wholesale and retail fish houses in both the West and the East.

Mr. Heymann was one of the very few men in the business in Northern Ohio whose career contains no record of failure or important reverses. He was energetic, conservative in his business methods, kept a judicious watch upon both the productive and the selling ends of the business, and managed his assets so well that he could always discount his bills. In Erie county he was regarded not only as a successful business man but a citizen of high ideals and of sterling worth. At his home on Williams street in Huron his death occurred February 24, 1915, at the end of a long and fruitful career.

William C. Heymann was a member of the German Reformed Church, in politics a very decided democrat, and for a number of years has been a member of the town council and for one term held the office of mayor. He was married in Huron to Miss Catherine Elizabeth Koch, who was about two years older than her husband and was born in Nassau in the same locality that contained his birthplace. When she was a young girl she accompanied her mother and stepfather to the United States and grew to womanhood in Huron. She is still living at the old William Street home, and well preserved and active for her advanced years. Her husband owed to her much of his success in life, since she was active and sympathetic with him in all his business ventures and a splendid home maker and mother.

William C. Heymann and wife were the parents of the following children: Louisa, wife of William Shepherd of Huron, and the mother of children; Mary, who died after her marriage to Robert Truett, without children; Henry, who died in childhood; Charles, the first of that name, who died in infancy; Libby, wife of Eugene Yarrick, and the mother of one son; Lydia, who lives at home with her mother; Sarah, who died in childhood; Caroline, who is the wife of Robert Cooper, a carpenter at Cleveland; Charles F. and John P., the successors of their father in business; Anna, who died in early childhood; and Otto, who also died young.

Charles F. Heymann, who with his brother John P., has long been identified with the industry which his father established many years ago, was born in Huron, April 20, 1869. He was reared and educated in his native village, and when a young man took up the work of fisherman and has made that the basis of his successful career. Both he and his brother have beautiful modern homes on Center street, one of the best residential streets in Huron. Charles F. Heymann married Cora Rhinemiller, who was born and reared and educated in Huron County, a daughter of John Rhinemiller, who with his wife was born in the

United States, was a farmer, and a Presbyterian and democrat. Charles F. Heymann and wife have two daughters, Ethel L., aged seventeen and a student in high school, and Audrey Marjorie, who is now in the eighth grade of the Huron public schools.

John P. Heymann, the second of the sons who have proved such worthy successors as business men to their honored father and have done much to increase the substantial fortune acquired by the elder Heymann, was born in Huron, July 17, 1871, and received his education in his home village. At the age of sixteen he began gaining a practical experience in the fishing industry, and he and his brother subsequently bought out their father, and have been associated more or less closely for twenty-two years. For greater convenience of operation they subsequently separated the business into two branches, and are now operating independently, John being at head of the branch of the business known as "Pound Fishing" while Charles operates the "Devil Net" or "Trap Fishing." Together they give employment to a large number of men, have a large amount of capital invested in boats, nets and other equipment, maintain a large warehouse in Huron, and have established connections with all the larger cities of both East and West.

John P. Heymann married Miss Elizabeth Seiling, who was reared and educated in Ohio, where her parents, of German stock, were substantial farmers. John Heymann and wife have the following children: Edna E., a student in high school; William Charles, now in the seventh grade of the public schools; Oliver Wendell, aged seven years; Virginia, aged two; and John, Jr., an infant who was born May 26, 1915. John P. Heymann and wife and his brother and family all attend the Presbyterian Church.

Henry W. Smith. Among the old and honored families of Erie County of German origin must be mentioned that of which Henry W. Smith is a prominent representative. He and others of the name have been identified with agricultural and industrial development many years and in numerous ways have made their influence felt to the advantage of the locality.

For thirty-three years Henry W. Smith has been a general farmer in Berlin Township, his farm being bounded by two of the well-traveled thoroughfares of that township. He has lived there since 1882, and owns ninety acres of fine land, well watered by Chappell Creek. Nearly all of it is in cultivation, and its crops are mainly wheat, corn and oats, and he keeps some graded live stock, horses, cattle, hogs and sheep. He has a special distinction among Erie County farmers as an extensive and scientific grower of ginseng and golden seal, and for several years has made this a very profitable feature of his business. His land seems particularly well adapted for these specific crops. While the building improvements on his land are quite old, they are kept in the best of repair, and altogether he has one of the valuable estates of Berlin Township.

The family located in Erie County in the early half of the nineteenth century. Henry W. Smith was born in Vermilion Township October 16, 1850, a son of John and Louisa (Cook) Smith. Both parents were natives of Germany, his father born at Blockheim in 1825, while his mother was born in 1828. They were still children when brought by their respective families to the United States. Both families made the journey in sailing vessels, starting from Bremen and landing at Baltimore. The Smiths and the Cooks came on west to Erie County, and arrived here in time to share in the pioneer development. Grandfather John Smith died in Erie County when quite an old man, and the same was true of Grandfather Henry Cook. Both families were members

of the Reformed Church, and in politics practically all in the successive generations have been democrats. John Smith and Louisa Cook both grew up in Erie County, and after their marriage started out with eighty-five acres of wild land in Vermilion Township. This was the scene of their continued activities for many years, in the course of which their land was transformed into a fertile and productive farm. John Smith died on that farm in 1899 and his wife passed away in 1912. They were Reformed Church people and he a democrat. Of their twelve children, three died young, while all the others reached maturity and five are now living and have children of their own.

The oldest in the family, Henry W. Smith, grew to manhood on the old farm, and had to work hard even when a schoolboy. During several terms of his school attendance his duties required that he haul a cord of wood to Vermilion, three miles away from his home, each morning before taking his books and walking to school, and the same task had to be repeated after school hours in the evening.

In the spring of 1882, a few weeks before removing to his present farm, Mr. Smith married Eva C. Fischer. She was born in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County, March 10, 1853, but when she was still a child her parents removed to Erie County and she was reared and educated in Berlin Township. Her parents were Henry and Catherine (Reiber) Fischer, both natives of Germany, and coming to this country when quite young, with their respective parents, both the Fischers and Reibers settling in Lorain County. Mrs. Smith's parents were farmers in that county and later in Berlin Township, where her father died at the age of sixty-five. Her mother is still living in the township and preserves her vigorous mentality and physical health, though, at the venerable age of eighty-seven. The Fischers were likewise active members of the German Reformed Church, and Mr. Fischer was a democrat in politics.

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Smith took up the work of improvement on the farm which has been mentioned, and where they have lived steadily and prosperingly for upwards of thirty-five years. All their children were born on the farm, and a brief record of this younger generation is as follows: Alvina is now the wife of Philip Sprankal, a farmer in Berlin Township, and they have a daughter named Eva C. Catherine, the second child, is the wife of Arthur J. Soult, residing in Norwalk, Huron County, and they have a daughter Catherine. Henry W., Jr., now twenty-four, received his education, as did the other children, in the graded schools, and is now associated with his brother Nicholas in the ownership and management of a farm of eighty acres in Berlin township, and are both progressive and enterprising young men, still unmarried. Louisa died when five years and six months old. The son Nicholas, next in age, has been mentioned. Eva C., Marjorie and John A. are still young and living with their parents. Mr. Smith and his older sons are democrats, and nearly all members of the family are active in Florence Grange No. 1844 of the Patrons of Husbandry.

William G. Fitch and his father before him were native sons of the State of Ohio, both born in Sherman Township, Huron County. Lewis Fitch, father of the subject, was a son of Jonathan Fitch, who was born in Connecticut and came to Huron County as a young man, settling there in 1816 in the township where his son and grandson were born. He built a log cabin in the heart of the wilderness, got his home in readiness for his bride, returned to Connecticut and brought back his young wife to their new home in the West. They were forty-five days making the trip with a team and wagon, crossing the Allegheny Mountains and

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stopping wherever night overtook them. The trip was fraught with a good many inconveniences, but they were undaunted by any of them, and brought to their wilderness home the courage and independence that dominated the early life of our country and made possible the conditions that exist today. In 1817 Jonathan Fitch settled permanently in Sherman Township, and when he died he was eighty-six years old and one of the best loved men in the community. His wife lived to the age of sixty-six years, and they reared a family of seven children.

Lewis Fitch was reared in Sherman Township, and there he married Jane Wright. They were the parents of five children, and the father lived to the age of sixty-six. He died at Monroeville, Ohio, where he spent his last years. His widow still survives him and is now eighty-six years of age.

William G. Fitch came up to manhood in Sherman Township, Huron County, and had his education in the public schools. In 1889, when he was thirty-two years old, he married Katie Andrews, who was born in England, and was a daughter of Joseph Andrews, late of Groton Township. Two children were born to them: Roy J. L. and Genevieve.

Mr. Fitch settled on the farm which is now the family home in 1895. The farm contains two hundred acres, and is the property of Fitch Brothers, the subject being one of the owners. It is a prosperous place and yields a nice income to its owners. It is located most advantageously, and is reckoned to be one of the best farms in Erie County.

Mr. Fitch is a republican and a man of much public spirit and devotion to the welfare of the community. He has served for several years on the local school board, and while he was a resident of Sherman Township he served for years in a similar capacity. He was also a member of the election board of Sherman Township for some years. His career in Groton Township has been most creditable to him, and he richly deserves the high standing he enjoys in the community.

George E. Rhinemiller. That energy, circumspection, ambition and progressiveness have been the dominating forces in the business career of this representative citizen of the younger generation in the City of Huron needs no further voucher than the fact that he has achieved pronounced success entirely through his own initiative and well-ordered endeavors. His civic loyalty and enterprise have kept pace with his personal advancement, and to him is due the credit of having erected one of the finest business buildings in the thriving little City of Huron, the same being used for his admirably equipped automobile garage, salesrooms and repair shop. He began his business career with virtually but nominal capitalistic resources, and has had the judgment to discern his maximum potential in his present field of enterprise, in which he has built up a large and substantial business. Further interest attaches to his career by reason of his being a native son of Erie County and one whose loyalty has caused him to pay to the same his unwavering allegiance and to find here ample opportunity for productive business activities.

In 1912 Mr. Rhinemiller erected, on South Main Street, his present fireproof garage building, which is of brick and steel construction, three stories in height, 50x80 feet in dimensions, and modern in all equipments and appointments, the front portion of the second floor being arranged for office purposes. The general garage is 30x80 feet in dimensions and the repair shop has the best of mechanical equipment and all necessary accessories customarily found in a first-class department of this order. Mr. Rhinemiller has the agency for the Oldsmobile, the Chandler and Chevrolet motor cars and the Vim light delivery cars, and his assigned territory covers both Erie and Huron counties, throughout which he has developed a splendid business in these standard vehicles.

The general facilities of the Rhinemiller garage and repair shop are not excelled by any establishment of the kind in Ohio, and in a review of this nature it is unnecessary to enter into details concerning the fine business which Mr. Rhinemiller has built up through his industry and excellent executive ability. As distributing agent for the motor vehicles named he employs an assistant agent at Berlin Heights and also in the City of Norwalk. It may be noted that his repair shop is equipped with a gasoline motor of 7½ horsepower, the same providing for the operation of the lathe and drilling machinery, all accessories being of the most modern type.

Mr. Rhinemiller established his initial business enterprise in 1908, when, with a capital of only $40, he engaged in the implement trade at Huron. Later he developed a substantial sand and cement trade, and since January, 1915, he has given his exclusive attention to the automobile business, of which he has become one of the most successful representatives in this section of the state. For the site of his present business building he purchased an entire block of land, with a frontage of sixty-six feet on Main Street and running back to Williams Street. In addition to this modern building Mr. Rhinemiller has recently completed the erection of his attractive and modern house of nine rooms, on South Williams Street, and he is known and honored as one of the most alert and progressive young business men of his native county as well as a citizen whose co-operation is always assured in the furtherance of measures projected for the general good of the community, his political support being given to the cause of the republican party.

On the homestead farm of his father, in Huron Township, two miles east of the City of Huron, Mr. Rhinemiller was born on the 25th of September, 1884, and in addition to availing himself of the advantages of the public schools of Huron he completed an effective technical course of study along mechanical lines in the celebrated International Correspondence School, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, thus fortifying himself in a practical way for the line of enterprise in which he is now engaged. He is a son of John and Margaret Rhinemiller, both of whom were born and reared in Huron Township, where the respective families were founded in an early day, the old homestead that was the place of his birth having been still the abiding place of John Rhinemiller at the time of his death, and his active identification with agricultural pursuits in Erie County having continued from his early youth until he was called from the stage of his mortal endeavors, his death having been of tragic order. While driving to his home he was killed on a grade crossing of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, a crossing that he had passed over hundreds of times. He was struck by the engine of a fast train and his death was virtually instantaneous, this sad accident having occurred on the 10th of January, 1912, and his age at the time of his death having been sixty-seven years, five months and five days. He was a man of the highest integrity, was earnest, sincere and loyal in all the relations of life, and he commanded impregnable vantage-place in the confidence and good will of all who knew him. His success was achieved through honest industry and in addition to his farming operations he became specially well known through his operation of a threshing outfit, in which he kept his equipment up to the best standard at all times and found requisition for his services throughout a wide area of country in his native county. His operations in this line covered a period of forty-four consecutive years. Mr. Rhinemiller was a republican in his political proclivities and held minor township offices. His devoted and bereaved wife survived him by exactly one year and was summoned to the life eternal on the 8th of January, 1913, when about sixty years of age, both she and her husband having been members of the Presbyterian Church. John Rhinemiller was

twice married and is survived by one daughter and one son of the first and three sons of the second marriage.

He whose name initiates this review is popular in both business and social circles in his native county, and in a fraternal way he is affiliated with Marks Lodge No. 359, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Huron; with Milan Chapter No. 135, Royal Arch Masons; and with Sandusky Council No. 26, Royal and Select Masters, in the City of Sandusky. He attends and supports the Presbyterian Church, of which his wife is a member.

In Huron Township was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Rhinemiller to Miss Bertha Jarratt, who was here born and reared, and who is the daughter of the late Isaac Jarratt, a well-known and highly honored citizen of Erie County. Mrs. Jarratt, whose maiden name was Martha Harris, still resides in the City of Huron. Mr. and Mrs. Rhinemiller have one son, Edward George, who was born in 1909, and whose juvenile alertness and judgment are shown in the fact that he shows exceptional facility in the personal operation of automobiles, though he is but six years of age.

Edmund W. Avery. A lifelong resident of the State of Ohio, and of Groton Township since 1872, no man is better known in this community, nor more genuinely esteemed, than Edmund W. Avery, successful farmer and a member of the local board of education. Mr. Avery was born in Lyme Township, Huron County, on September 13, 1857, and is a son of Luther and Susanna (Ford) Avery, well-known Huron County people.

Luther Avery was born in Connecticut, and his wife was of English birth. He came as a boy with his parents from Connecticut to Ohio, and the family settled in Lyme Township, being among the pioneers to that community. They came in the early thirties, when primitive conditions were at their height. Luther Avery's parents were of English birth and ancestry, and he inherited from them the strain of sturdy independence that made them successful pioneers in a new land. He gained prominence and success in his farming activities as a citizen of Lyme, in Huron County, and served his community in various official capacities, as well as serving as a director from Huron County on the board of the Ohio Infirmary. In 1872 he moved from Huron County to Erie County, locating in Groton Township, and the farm he settled on is the one now owned by Edmund Avery and brother, J. O. He died there in 1895, and his wife in 1870. A self-made man in the best sense of the term, he won and deserved the high regard of his fellow-citizens, and he was sincerely mourned in Groton Township when he died.

Edmund W. Avery accompanied the family to Erie County in 1872 and settled with them in Groton Township. He was then a youth of fifteen years. Under his father's direction he grew to manhood well instructed in agricultural matters, and he has proved himself to be a practical farmer. He stayed on the home farm and when his father passed away continued there in its operation. Success has followed efforts, and this farm is one of the productive and prosperous places in the township.

Like his father, Mr. Avery has been a leader in service to his townspeople. He was a trustee of Groton for some years, and is now, and has been for the past few years, a member of the board of education. His schooling was secured in the public schools of Groton, followed by two years in the Western Reserve College, then located at Hudson, Ohio. He is a republican, and a member of the Congregational Church.

In 1897 Mr. Avery married Nettie C. Nims, who was born in Groton

Township, and is a daughter of Samuel Nims, well known in that community, and now past his eightieth birthday. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Avery—Helen R., Leland F. and Myron N. The first born is deceased.

The Avery family is highly regarded in the town and county, and have a host of friends hereabouts.

Alfred Ford. One of the men who had an important share in the life and activities of Groton Township, and a veteran of the Civil war, was the late Alfred Ford, whose death occurred at his home in Groton Township December 25, Christmas Day, of 1908. Mr. Ford had spent many years in other states, but was a native of Erie County, and both as a citizen and business man his record deserves to be read by the people who knew him in his youth and in his later years.

A native of Groton Township of Erie County, he was a son of Edward and Sarah L. (Sprague) Ford, and a brother of Andrew Ford, a prominent citizen of Groton Township, under whose name will be found more extended information concerning the family.

The youth of Alfred Ford was spent on his father's farm in Groton Township and he depended upon the local schools for his early training. He was a reader from youth up and always aimed to keep himself well informed on general topics and was a practical and intelligent business man and citizen. His record as a soldier in the Civil war began with his enlistment in 1862 in Company G of the One Hundred and First Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he remained a soldier of the Union nearly three years. He was in many of the arduous campaigns of the western armies, fighting in Tennessee, Georgia and other states, and among other battles in which he participated was that of Chickamauga. He was twice wounded during his service and spent about eighteen months in a hospital in Tennessee. After his honorable discharge at the close of the war he returned to Erie County and was there married to Miss Elizabeth Ramsdell. She died less than a year after their marriage.

From Erie County Mr. Ford went west, spending several years in Colorado, was also a resident of Dakota Territory and for a short time lived in the Territory of Washington, and finally went to Humboldt County, California, which was his home for sixteen years. While there he was engaged in the live-stock industry, and was one of the leading stockmen of that western state.

In 1900 Mr. Ford returned to Erie County and lived quietly retired at his home in Groton Township until his death, which occurred about eight years later. For a brief time he had also lived in Mahaska County, Iowa, and while there he was married November 24, 1883, to Mrs. Martha E. Bailey, widow of William Bailey of Mahaska County. Mrs. Ford is now living at the old home in Groton Township. By her marriage to Mr. Ford she became the mother of three children: Edward N., of Castalia; Lois E., wife of Wilson Shannon, of Fremont, Ohio; and Fred A., of Groton Township. Mrs. Ford has two daughters by her first marriage, namely: Cora E., widow of Albert Harmon, a late resident of Groton Township; and Beulah E., who is a trained nurse, now living at Fremont, Ohio.

In his political actions Alfred Ford was also identified with the republican party. Public spirit was a prominent characteristic, and he showed himself a friend of all public improvements, and particularly of public schools. The Ford home in Groton Township is an attractive farm of seventy-six acres, and Mrs. Ford lives there in comfort and surrounded by the many friends of herself and her late husband. She was reared in Iowa, where she attended the public schools at Bacon and was also a student in Penn College at Oskaloosa. During

her early womanhood she taught school for several months before her first marriage. Both her daughters by her marriage to William Bailey have also been school teachers in Groton Township.

ANDREW FORD. Under the rapidly changing conditions of American life it seldom happens that a man spends practically an entire lifetime in the same locality where he was born. Such has been the case of Andrew Ford, an honored resident of Groton Township, who now occupies the homestead which was his birthplace and the scene of all his early associations. Mr. Ford is now practically retired, enjoying the fruits of well-spent earlier years, and has always stood as a progressive, energetic and thoroughly competent agriculturist, while his record in all the varied relations of his busy life has been such as to reflect credit upon him and all connected with him.

Born December 16, 1839, he represents some of the earliest settlers in this section of Northern Ohio. His parents were Edward and Sarah L. (Sprague) Ford, the former a native of Conneaut, Ohio, and the latter of Sandusky County. Edward Ford was a son of Christopher Ford, who came out and made settlement at Conneaut, Ohio, early in the nineteenth century. Edward Ford grew to manhood in the vicinity of Conneaut and then removed to Erie County, settling in Groton Township, where with his brother Andrew he took up a tract of raw land and developed it into a good farm, his brother Andrew remaining in the township only a short time and then returning to the vicinity of Conneaut. Edward Ford died on the old farm when his son Andrew was five years old.

The latter spent his early life in Groton Township, gained his education in the schools such as existed in the '40s and '50s, and agriculture has been his mainstay as a vocation for more than half a century. In that time he has witnessed many changes in methods of planting, tending and harvesting crops, and the changes on his home farm are only echoes of the remarkable transformation made in practically every department of life during the last century. Mr. Ford also has a military record, having enlisted in April, 1864, in Company G of the State Home Guard, and was sent to Arlington Heights, Virginia, where he performed guard duty around the City of Washington. He remained in the service nearly four months, and then received his honorable discharge and returned home.

The Ford estate in Groton Township comprises 176 acres, all of it well improved and devoted to general agriculture, and Mr. Ford's homestead, a part of the place on which he was born, comprises eighty acres. He is a republican politically and has always shown a commendable public spirit in helping forward every enterprise for the local benefit. Mr. Ford is a bachelor, and has a great host of friends in the community where he has been known since childhood.

HORACE VALENTINE RAMSDELL. A life that was significant of sturdy character, upright manhood, long-continued industry, patriotic service during the period which insured the integrity of the Union, and lasting esteem from family, friends and neighbors, was that lived by the late Horace Valentine Ramsdell in Oxford Township.

Born at the pioneer Ramsdell home at Bloomingville, June 23, 1842, he lived in that one community nearly all his life, except when away during the war, and died in the fullness of years January 17, 1914, aged seventy-one years, six months and twenty-five days. He was one of the twelve children of Horace and Sarah Ramsdell. The Ramsdells came originally from England, lived through a generation or more in New England, while Horace Ramsdell was a native of New York

State and in the early days of Erie County came into Oxford Township and cleared off the woods from the land which he and his son Horace and his grandson George have successfully cultivated. Of the children of Horace and Sarah Ramsdell, only seven reached years of maturity, and Horace V. was the last but two, being survived by a brother, James H., of Newton Falls, Ohio, and a sister, Mrs. Lydia J. Paxton, of Eugene, Oregon.

The late Horace V. Ramsdell grew up in a community where his school advantages were confined to those afforded by a select school taught in the family home at brief intervals. At the outbreak of the war, though but nineteen, he offered his services to the Union army, entering Company G of the One Hundred and First Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted at Castalia, and his company was mustered into service at Monroeville August 1, 1861, under Captain Messer and Lieut. John Fleming. This company and regiment went into the Army of the Cumberland, and from Monroeville the company was sent to Covington, Kentucky, where that division of the Union troops were severely pressing General Bragg and slowly forcing his retreat southward across Kentucky and Tennessee. In this campaign Mr. Ramsdell participated in the battles of Perryville, Crab Orchard and the engagements around Nashville. He was shot twice in the battle of Stone River, otherwise known as Murfreesboro, December 31, 1861, during the first day of that bloody engagement. The remainder of that day, the night following, all during New Year's Day and through the next night he lay upon the field with a hole entirely through his body big enough for a good-sized handkerchief to be drawn through it, and with the bullet from the other shot lodged in his hip. The fight raged over the bodies of the dead and wounded, the artillery passing and repassing over these bodies just as they lay on the field of carnage. When the ambulance department gathered him up and turned him over to the army surgeons at the hospital at Nashville it was believed that his wounds were mortal, and he was sent on to Louisville to be taken to Covington. When presented to the steamboat officials for transportation up the Ohio, they refused to receive him unless a coffin also be provided and placed aboard, so near was he to death's door. On the way another man died and the coffin intended for him was used as a receptacle for that man's body. To Covington his mother and his brother went to bring him home, but it was only after two months of patient nursing by his mother that he was sufficiently restored to strength to stand the homeward trip. His discharge from the army bears the date of March 17, 1862.

After having thus nearly sacrificed his life for his country he spent a year in recovering his health and strength. His next experience came when he and his brother James were called upon to go to Portland, Oregon, to bring home their older brother, John, who had gone west sixteen years before as a '49er and who was critically ill. There being no transcontinental railway lines, they went to New York and took a steamship for Nicaragua, crossing Central America via the old proposed Nicarauguan Canal route, thence up the Pacific Coast. They brought their sick brother home nearly over the same route, except that they returned by the Isthmus of Panama.

Following this, Horace V. Ramsdell took charge of the old homestead in Oxford Township, and from that day he was the head and mainstay of the family. He was engaged in farming from that time until his death, with two brief interruptions. For a short time he was engaged in the fishing business on the lakes. In this he was successful, but soon gave it up and returned to the farm. During the early '70s he went out to the Black Hills district following the mining excitement in that

section of the Northwest, but did not remain long. Throughout his life the center of his interests was the old homestead, where he and his good wife dispensed that hospitality for which they were so well known throughout their large circle of friends. At his death he left an estate of 187 acres, comprising an excellent home and farm lands that had been brought to the highest state of intensive cultivation. In politics he was a republican, and the only organization with which he affiliated was the Sam Edwards Post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Sand Hill, which he served at one time as commander, though circumstances prevented his regular attendance at its meetings in later years. His funeral was conducted under the auspices of this post.

To the man and his character a happy tribute was paid editorially by the Sandusky Register: "He was a man of warm-hearted impulses and of splendid generosity. In this community he was ever to be depended upon as one of the first to respond where his services were needed during illness, accident or at death. Mr. Ramsdell was pre-eminently a home man, devoted to his family and his grandchildren and affectionately fond of the scenes and places hereabouts where he spent his life. It was here on this farm that for almost fifty years he devoted the best energies of his life, in season and out, sowing and reaping and garnering until the great 'Reaper whose name is Death' issued the final summons to cease his labors and rest forevermore."

Mr. Ramsdell was survived by his widow, one son, two daughters, and seven grandchildren. On December 24, 1876, he married Alma Louise Bardwell. She was born in Groton Township of Erie County September 4, 1847, a daughter of Seth and Louise (White) Bardwell. Her parents were natives of Hatfield, Massachusetts, and the Bardwell family is widely known in Erie County, and further information concerning its members can be found on other pages of this work. Mrs. Ramsdell was reared in Groton Township and lived there until her marriage to Mr. Ramsdell. She is a worker in the Universalist Church. She and Mr. Ramsdell became the parents of four children: S. Louise, who is now the wife of H. M. Linn, of Cleveland, Tennessee; George B., at Bloomingville; Gertrude, wife of Ralph T. Wolfram, of Bellevue, Ohio; and Wade Owen, who died at the age of three years.

George B. Ramsdell, the only son of Horace V. Ramsdell, is a young and progressive farmer and now looking after the active management of the old Ramsdell farm at Bloomingville. He was born there April 14, 1880, and was educated in the public schools of Bloomingville and high school at Milan, took a course in the Sandusky Business College, and for a time was a student in Buchtel College at Akron, Ohio. He married Miss Elsie Prout, who was born at Bloomingville, a daughter of Albert H. Prout, who is now living in Cleveland. Albert Prout was a son of Andrew Prout, who came as an early settler into Oxford Township and settled in the locality which subsequently was named in his honor as Prout Station, and for a number of years was postmaster of that village. Mr. George B. Ramsdell and wife have two children: Maurice and Helen. He is an active republican and for five years served as clerk of Oxford Township.

Anton Kob. A little more than thirty years ago a young German came to this country, poor, almost friendless, and with only the willing labor of his hands to recommend him for future advancement. That he has made most excellent use of his opportunities finds illustration of the fact that Anton Kob is now one of the leading citizens of Perkins township and is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and fifty acres, all of it valuable land, and under his management producing abundantly

of the general crops. He has lived there since 1900 and has all the circumstances and conditions of a successful citizen.

Born in Wuertemberg, Germany, January 9, 1862, Anton Kob is a son of Fidel and Theresa (Sonnermoser) Kob. His parents were natives of Germany, and both are now deceased. Mr. Kob was reared in his native kingdom and lived there until his twentieth year. He then crossed the channel to England, and at London took passage on a steamer which about fourteen days later landed him in New York City. For many years he combined industry with thrift, and finally realized enough capital to make his start as an individual farmer, and from farming has gained his chief success in the business world.

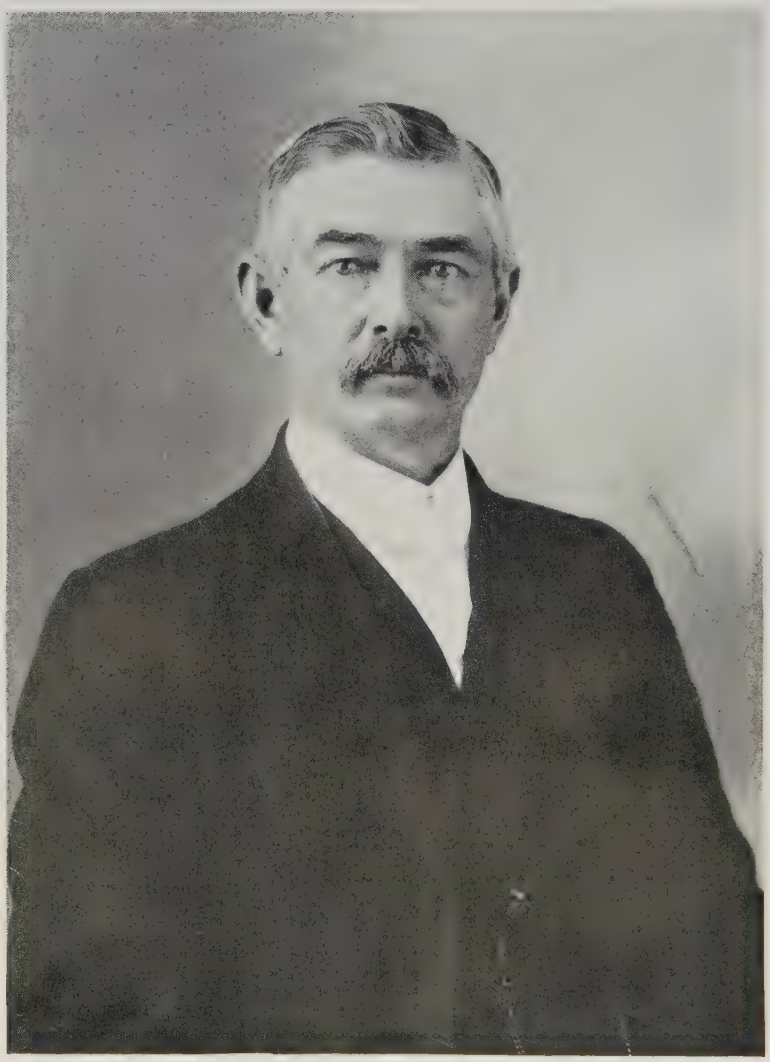
On January 16, 1886, Mr. Kob married Mary Feiden, who was born in Perkins township of Erie County, a daughter of John and Angeline (Neuman) Feiden. Her parents were natives of Germany, came to America and lived in Perkins township a time, subsequently in Huron township, and spent their last years in the latter locality. Mr. and Mrs. Kob have two sons: John A. and Anton P. Mr. Kob and his wife are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Sandusky, and in politics he is democrat with independent proclivities. His neighbors speak highly of him both as a citizen and as a man who has prospered not from good fortune or inheritance but by depending upon his own powers and faculties.

William D. Taylor. With the lengthening perspective of years, more and more honor is paid to the old soldiers who fought for the preservation of the Union during the dark days of the '60s. One of these veterans still surviving and honored for that service and his long local activity as a citizen in Erie County is William D. Taylor, who now lives retired on his comfortable homestead in Perkins Township, on Rural Delivery Route No. 1 out of Sandusky.

William D. Taylor is a native of Perkins township, and his family has been identified with Erie County for about a century. He was born September 19, 1839, a son of Elory and Mary A. (Hunt) Taylor. Both parents were natives of Connecticut. Elory Taylor was brought to Erie County when seven years of age by his father, Jesse Taylor, and wife Julia Taylor, who were also natives of Connecticut. Jesse Taylor was one of the vigorous pioneers in Erie County, and made himself a home in the woods when the population was sprinkled about among a few settlements chiefly along the lake shore. Elory Taylor grew up amid pioneer surroundings, and was a nonagenarian when he died. In politics he was identified with the republican party.

William D. Taylor spent his early life on the farm, acquired an education in the common schools, and was beginning to perform his independent responsibilities as a man when the war broke out. On August 23, 1862, he enlisted in Company B of the 101st Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was in active service for three years, beginning as a private and coming out of the war as a sergeant. He was in the forces commanded successively by Rosecrans, Thomas and Sherman, and fought in many battles, including among the more notable those at Perryville, Stone River, in the Atlanta campaign and siege, and was then sent back with the troops who pursued General Hood through Tennessee and participated at Franklin and Nashville in the fall of 1864.

After his honorable discharge as a Union soldier Mr. Taylor returned home to Perkins township, and has lived in that community ever since. He owns a well kept farm of forty-eight acres, located at the Perkins Church. On August 23, 1863, Mr. Taylor married Sarah E. Rogers, who was born in New York state. Of their three children two are living. Alice A., lives at home with her parents in Perkins township; Gertrude



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E., was formerly engaged in teaching and is now a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, her work as teacher having been done in Sandusky. The daughter Hattie P., is now deceased. Mr. Taylor is a republican in politics, having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860 and has been as public spirited in home affairs as he was in his duty as a soldier during the war. He is a member and an elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Perkins.

Frank A. Haley. Nearly all his life Frank A. Haley has been a resident of Erie County. His has been an active and prosperous career, whether as a farmer, business man or public official, and his name is known and esteemed not only in his home Village of Huron but over the county at large. He began life dependent upon his own resources, and had to swim against the current of circumstances for a good many years. He is now well established so far as business and material circumstances are concerned, has an honorable record in all his relations, and still takes a public-spirited share in the social and civic life of his community.

Mr. Haley comes of Swiss ancestry. His Grandfather Haley was born in Canton Basel, Switzerland, grew up there, married, and while living in the Swiss country the first child was born, George J., on December 14, 1815. When this boy was fourteen months of age the family left their native canton in 1817 and came across the ocean on one of the old-fashioned sailing vessels that then provided the only means of transportation. After a voyage of six weeks they landed in New York, and by the slow and tedious means of that period gradually worked their way west as far as Fairfield County, Ohio. Thus the family became identified with this state almost a century ago. The grandfather located in the midst of the woods, cut out a place for his rude log cabin, which had no door, a blanket being hung over the opening. Several times wolves peeked their heads through this improvised door and frightened the children of the household, a terror that did not lapse as long as these animals kept up their howling in the woods near by. Time and hard labor brought about many changes. The land was gradually cleared and planted in corn and garden crops, and according to the standards of that time the family were in a fair way to prosperity. This original home was not far from North Baltimore, Ohio. Subsequently they removed to another section in the black swamp region in Hardin County, and in that locality the grandparents died, the grandfather when about sixty and the grandmother a number of years later. They were members of the Reformed Church, and the grandfather was a republican and a man of sterling citizenship and true worth. Among their children may be mentioned the following: George John, Jacob, Sebastian, Margaret and Elizabeth, all except the first born in Ohio, where they all grew up and had families of their own.

George J. Haley was still a boy when the family removed to Hardin County, and he came of age on a farm. He married at Kenton, Ohio, Rachel Gary, who was probably born in Hardin County and was of Irish stock. After marriage George J. Haley and wife took up the responsibilities of married life as farmers, and some of their children were born while they lived in the country district around Kenton. Subsequently they removed to Marion, Ohio, and while there the three youngest of their ten children were born, including Frank A. All these children grew up and married, and three sons and two daughters are still living. In 1864 the family came to Huron Township in Erie County, and bought a farm which for thirty years was the home of these worthy parents. They then removed to Huron Village. When quite a young man George J. Haley became much interested in the German Evangelical Church, in

which he worked as a member, and somewhat later was ordained as a minister. It was his duties as a minister that brought him to Erie County in order to preach the gospel on the lake circuit. He was kept active in his church work as a preacher and presiding elder in this circuit for many years, and at some time or other had charge of all the churches in the circuit, including that at Huron. His last appointment was at Birmingham in Erie County. His death occurred at Huron, February 27, 1888. While never active in politics, he was a strong republican, and was especially loved in church circles, and though providing for his family through the business of farming, gave all that he could to his responsibilities as a minister. His wife survived him, subsequently passing some years in the home of her son, Frank A., at Huron, and died there November 26, 1897. She was born in 1817.

Frank A. Haley was born at Marion, Ohio, January 10, 1861, was reared on a farm, and had the advantages of local schools. At eighteen he was offered his choice of a three-year course in higher school or the sum of $200 when he should come of age. He wisely accepted the schooling, and entered the Northwestern College at Naperville, Illinois, at which his father had purchased a scholarship. He continued his studies for two years in that school and then took up work as a teacher, a vocation he followed several years. Later he returned to the home farm in Erie County, managed its agricultural activities for several years, and finally bought part of the homestead, and as its independent owner entered with much vigor and characteristic energy upon its improvement. He erected good buildings, and still owns the farm of fifty-six acres, which is one of the best small farms in Huron Township. In January, 1913, Mr. Haley purchased the insurance business of the late W. R. Tyler. He now has the agency of sixteen general insurance companies, and offers the services of these companies to a large patronage. He also has the local agency for the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company. In March, 1913, he was appointed notary public and on October 8, 1914, was appointed justice of the peace. He is thus busied with his work in the insurance office and also in the handling of the affairs connected with these offices. He has also served as township trustee and as a member of both the school and village boards at Huron, and in 1910 was census enumerator in his township.

Politically Mr. Haley is a strong republican, and fraternally has been especially interested in the Knights of the Maccabees. He has filled all the chairs in Lake View Tent No. 44 at Huron, and has been record keeper since 1900. He and his family are active in the Evangelical Church, and he is one of its trustees.

Mr. Haley married Anna H. Kuhl, who was born in Huron Township fifty-one years ago and was reared and educated in this vicinity. Her parents were Peter and Philipina (Meyers) Kuhl, both natives of Germany, but coming to America when young and marrying in Erie County. Her father became a substantial farmer and spent his life on a farm in Huron Township, where he died when past sixty, survived by his wife to the age of seventy-five. Both were members of the German Reformed Church and in politics he was a republican. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Haley are mentioned as follows: Lottie, who was graduated from the Huron High School in 1904, is now the wife of Frank Toomey, of Erie County, and they have a son, Robert Stanley; William G., graduated from the high school in 1904, is now assistant ticket agent for the Monon Railway at Hammond, Indiana, and by his marriage to Flossie McCormick of Erie County has one son, Donald William; Ella, who has completed the high school course, is living at home; Dorothy Rachel is now in the seventh grade of the public schools.

JOHN C. STEINEN. The model farm home of Mr. Steinen is most eligibly situated in Perkins township and on the continuation of Columbus avenue in the City of Sandusky, the farm being practically in the direct suburban district of the county metropolis and judicial center. A house of modern architectural design and appointments of the most approved order is the abiding place of Mr. Steinen and his family, and the well kept grounds about the residence, with fine trees, shrubbery and flowers, make the place one of the most attractive of the many beautiful homes of Erie County, even as the home is widely known for its hospitality. Mr. Steinen is a representative of a highly honored pioneer family of Erie County, has maintained his home in this county from the time of his birth and his entire active career has been one of close and successful identification with the great basic industry of agriculture, and his well improved farm, devoted to diversified agriculture and the raising of fruits, comprises seventy-five acres of as fine land as is to be found in this favored section of the state. In all things Mr. Steinen may well feel that his "lines are cast in pleasant places," and he enjoys the generous prosperity that is the just reward for years of earnest toil and endeavor.

John C. Steinen was born in Huron Township, this county, on the 31st of January, 1868, and is a son of Joseph and Gertrude (Hacker) Steinen, both of whom are now deceased. Joseph Steinen was born in the Rhine Province of Germany, where he was reared and educated, and as a young man he came to the United States, where he felt assured of better opportunities of achieving independence and success through individual effort. Soon after his arrival in America he came to Ohio and settled in Erie County. He finally purchased a tract of heavily timbered land in Huron Township, where his original domicile was a log cabin of the type common to the pioneer days, and as one of the early settlers and industrious and ambitious farmers of Huron Township he contributed his quota to the development and progress of that section of the county. After living many years on his old homestead, which he had developed into one of the fine farms of the county, he removed to the village of Bogart, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1912. He was one of the honored pioneer citizens of Erie County at the time of his death and survived his devoted wife by a number of years. Of their children five are now living. Christina is the wife of Charles Dildine, of Huron Township; John C., of this review, was the next in respective order of birth; Annie is the wife of William Lundy, and they reside in the City of Sandusky; Barbara is the wife of Daniel Simmons, of Huron Township; and David A. is a prosperous farmer of Huron Township.

On the old homestead farm in Huron Township John C. Steinen was reared to years of maturity and he early began to assist in the work of the farm, the while he was afforded the advantages of the public schools of the locality and availed himself of the same until he had laid a firm foundation for the broader education which he has since acquired in connection with the practical affairs of life and in association with men and business. He has resided upon his present fine farm since 1904, is known as an agriculturist of the progressive type, and his thrift and prosperity have been in constant companionship during the entire period of his independent career. He is appreciative of the opportunities that have been his in Erie County and marks this by his liberality in the support of measures and enterprises advanced for the general good of the county and its people, his political allegiance being given to the democratic party and both he and his wife being communicants of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Roman Catholic, in the City of Sandusky.

On the 10th of May, 1892, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Steinen to Miss Johanna C. Mainzer, who has been a resident of Perkins Township from the time of her birth and who is a representative of one of the old and honored pioneer families of Erie County. She is a daughter of Peter and Christena (Smith) Mainzer, the former of whom was born in the Rhine Province of Germany and the latter in Perkins Township, Erie County, her parents having been numbered among the very early settlers of this county, where they established their home shortly after their immigration from their German Fatherland. Upon coming to Erie County, Peter Mainzer, settled in the midst of the virtually virgin forest in the southern part of Perkins Township, where he eventually became the owner of a valuable farm, the major part of the land having been reclaimed and improved under his personal supervision. There his death occurred in 1897, and the entire community realized the loss of a worthy citizen whose life had been one of productiveness and kindliness. In addition to carrying forward the work of his large farm he found requisition for many years for his services as a skilled carpenter and builder, and he assisted in the erection of many houses and other buildings in his part of the county. His venerable widow, whose entire life has been passed in Perkins Township, is now more than eighty years of age. This pioneer couple became the parents of ten children, of whom nine are living: Mary, is the wife of William Esch and they reside in the Village of Huron, this county; Rosa, is the wife of Albert Kromer, a farmer in Margaretta township; Frank resides in the City of Sandusky; Barbara is the wife of Frederick Kromer, a farmer of Perkins Township; Johanna C. is the wife of the subject of this review; and John, William, Anthony, and Sarah all still remain residents of their native township.

Frank N. Hills. One of the still active citizens of Perkins Township who in the course of a long career has witnessed many remarkable changes in the development and progress of this section of Northern Ohio, Frank N. Hills has had a career of varied activities, but has been chiefly identified with farming and stock raising in Perkins Township, of which locality he is a native. For a number of years he was identified with lake marine, and his business success and the honors which have been given him as a citizen indicate his high standing in that locality.

Frank N. Hills was born in Perkins Township, August 2, 1842, a son of Norman and Electa Elizabeth (Hale) Hills. Both parents were natives of Connecticut. Norman Hills brought his family from that state to Erie County in the early '30s, and was one of the pioneers in Perkins Township, securing a tract of land a part of which is now in the farm of his son Frank. The land was then wild and uncultivated, and Norman Hills was one of the men who bore the brunt of the toils and hardships of the early settlers. His death occurred in 1854. The family is an old and prominent one of New England, and one of the daughters of Frank Hills has membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, a membership which indicates the lineage of the family through Revolutionary times. The grandfather was Jared Hills, a native of Connecticut, and of English descent. Of the children born to Norman Hills and wife the three now living are: Frank N.; Wilber, whose home is in Connecticut; and Henry E., of Perkins Township.

Frank N. Hills grew up in the same locality where he was born, attended the public schools, and his early education has been greatly developed and supplemented by practical experience in later life. The first fourteen years he spent on his father's farm, and then for about nine seasons was a sailor on the Great Lakes. For nearly half a century, however, Mr. Hills has made farming his regular vocation. His home

place, located on Rural Free Delivery No. 1 out of Sandusky, comprises 245 acres of rich and fertile land, and he employs it both for general farming and stock raising.

Mr. Hills married Miss Isabel Cowan, who was born in Huron Township of Erie County, a daughter of Hugh Cowan, one of the early settlers in that locality. To their marriage have been born five children: Lillie, who was formerly a successful school teacher; Elma, now connected with the public schools at Akron, Ohio; Elsie, wife of John Wichel of Sandusky; Edna, wife of Daniel Wichel of Sandusky; and Leroy F., still living in Perkins Township.

Mr. Hills served several years as trustee of Perkins Township, and is an active republican. He is a charter member of Perkins Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry. In the course of many years he has varied experiences with all branches of farming and has paid much attention to the sheep industry.

Ross D. L. Ransom. It is substantial tribute to a family when it can be said that what one generation has secured and won from the dominion of the wilderness the next following has continued to improve and has increased in value many fold. That is real progress and without its manifestation a community must stand still. Progress has been the dominant factor in the Ransom family in Erie County through three successive generations. Ross Ransom is now an enterprising young farmer who lives upon and operates the same farm which his grandfather redeemed from the wilderness in the early days. Perkins Township has had no better elements of citizenship than those supplied by the Ransom family.

Ross D. L. Ransom was born on the farm where he now lives in Perkins Township, January 23, 1884. His parents were George A. and Mary J. (Ross) Ransom. The former a native of Perkins Township and the latter of Ontario, Canada. The grandfather and the founder of the family in Erie County was Isaac Ransom, who was a New Englander, and one of the early settlers in Perkins Township. He located the land which is now being cultivated by his grandson Ross. He came when the country was largely covered with woods, and took a leading part in early affairs. The substantial brick house which he erected about seventy years ago is still seeing service and is one of the notable landmarks in Perkins township. In the early days Isaac Ransom served as a trustee of his home township, and that community was bereaved of a substantial citizen in his death in 1888. George A. Ransom, father of Ross D. L., died in 1896. He spent all his life on the farm first secured by his father, and was a man of many sterling straits of character. For a number of terms he held the office of assessor in Perkins Township, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he served as deacon, and was active in the Perkins Grange, and favored every movement which had for its dominating purpose the elevation of community life. The two children of George A. Ransom were Ross and Webster H., the latter now a resident of Libby, Montana. The mother of these children died in 1893.

Ross D. L. Ransom has spent all his life in Perkins Township, and was given a liberal education. While growing up on the farm he attended the common schools, and in 1903 graduated from the Sandusky High School and for two years was a student at the Case School of Applied Science in Cleveland. From a business standpoint he has devoted himself to agricultural matters, and now has a fine place of 135 acres, with many standard improvements and with all the necessary facilities for the growing of field crops and the raising of high grade stock.

On August 2, 1905, Mr. Ransom married Miss Rosalie Badgley, who

was born in Belleville, Ontario, daughter of Ira Badgley. To this union have been born two children, Bessie L. and Mary J.

Mr. Ransom is a republican in politics, is a member of the Perkins Grange and of the Perkins Methodist Episcopal Church.

HENRY E. HILLS. One of the well kept and profitably managed farms along Rural Free Delivery Route No. 1 out of Sandusky is that owned by Henry E. Hills. This farm has been in the possession of the Hills family for about eighty years, and was part of the land settled upon by the father of Henry E. Hills and redeemed from wilderness conditions under his energetic labors.

Mr. Henry E. Hills is a native of Perkins Township, and was born on the farm he now owns May 7, 1850. His parents were Norman and Electa Elizabeth (Hale) Hills, both of whom were natives of Connecticut and came out to Erie County when most of its land was in the heavy woods. Norman Hills was a widely and favorably known citizen and from early life until his death was a useful worker in the sphere of his special activities.

Henry E. Hills grew up on the old homestead, attended the public schools in Perkins Township, and practical experience has had much to do with training and giving definite direction to his later life. As a boy he had the discipline of a farm, and has always made that his regular vocation.

Mr. Hills married Miss Rosa Hopf, who was born in Germany, and both her parents are now deceased. They have four children: Cora E., wife of Louis Meffort of Toledo, Ohio; Clayton W., of Los Angeles, California; Morris E. and Lloyd A., both of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Hills has a farm of 150 acres, and devotes his land to general farming purposes. He is an active member of the Perkins Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and in politics acts with the republican party. He has shown himself a friend of public schools and other local institutions and with his family worships in the Perkins Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN L. MOATS. Within a few miles radius of the village of Berlin Heights can be found some of the best examples of progressive farming in Erie County. One of these places that attract attention by reason of their general appearance of thrift and good management and by the well known success which the proprietor has gained is the fruit and general farm of John L. Moats, a short distance east of the village. Mr. Moats has grown up and lived most of his life in Erie County, and he and his wife are people of most excellent social qualities and enjoy a high standing in that community.

John L. Moats was born at a place now included in the city limits of Cleveland, Ohio, September 10, 1872, and fifteen months later his parents removed to Erie County and located in Berlin Township, where he grew to manhood. His ancestry is English. His grandfather William Moats and his father Henry and other members of the family came across the ocean about 1850 and located at Rochester, New York. The grandmother had died in the old country. From Rochester they removed to Niagara, New York, later spent a year or two in Canada, and finally settled at Cleveland. At Cleveland Henry Moats began learning the trade of machinist, but while still green in his apprenticeship the Civil war broke out and he enlisted at the first call for troops. He went out with the Cleveland Light Artillery for a term of three months. At the expiration of that term he enlisted in the regular United States service as a member of Battery B, and became sergeant in his company. He was

one of the few soldiers who fought literally from the very beginning to the end of the great struggle between the states. On the expiration of the three years he veteranized and continued with the same artillery command until the close of the war, at which time he had given four years and three months to the cause of preserving the Union. He was in every engagement in which his battery participated, and saw much of the hardship of army life, but was able to report for duty every day, was never captured and was never in hospital, and with many narrow escapes to his credit was never wounded, though once a bullet passed through his coat and shirt sleeve. With the close of the war Henry Moats returned to Cleveland and there met and married Jennie Proffit, who was also born in England. They began life as market gardeners. In the meantime grandfather William Moats had married for his second wife, in Rochester, Miss Martha Grail, who was also of English birth and parentage. As already stated Henry Moats and wife came to Erie county in 1873, and a little later grandfather William and wife came to the county and lived in a little home on the farm of their son Henry until they passed away. William Moats died in 1903 and his wife about six months later. William Moats while living in Cleveland was employed by a firm of candle manufacturers, and it is an item of interest that John D. Rockefeller was bookkeeper for the same firm. When Henry Moats and wife came to Erie County they bought a farm on the Berlin Heights and Norwalk Road, and there spent the rest of their days in quiet industry and with a reasonable degree of prosperity. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics he was a republican.

John L. Moats grew up on the old farm in Berlin Township, attended the public schools at Berlin Heights, and with a thorough training for his chosen calling he has made himself a successful farmer. In 1909 he bought his place of 145 acres a mile east of Berlin Heights, and has subsequently done a great deal to develop its resources. He has an orchard of twenty-eight acres principally apples and pears, and he has done most of the development of this orchard, and the trees have quite recently come into full bearing. He has constructed a barn about 30x48 feet, and he and his family have the comforts and conveniences of a modern eight-room house. In addition to fruit growing Mr. Moats has a large acreage used for general crops.

At Milan he married Miss Loubertha N. Williams, who was born in 1872. Her parents were Charles R. and Helen H. (Hughes) Williams. Her father was born in Batavia, Illinois, and her mother in Huron, Ohio, and they were married in Sandusky. The Williams family genealogy has been prepared and published by Rev. R. I. Williams, and from this it is learned that the original American of the name was Abraham, who lived at Marlboro, Massachusetts, as early as 1629. Charles R. Williams, the father of Mrs. Moats, was a graduate of Oberlin College and began his career as an educator, having served as principal of the Normal School at Milan. Failing health compelled him to abandon this vocation and in the vicinity of Milan he engaged in the raising of horses. At the age of twenty-eight years, while training a valuable race horse, he was kicked and died from the injury three days later. His widow subsequently married Capt. L. B. Chapin, who was captain of a cavalry company in the Civil war and who died in Berlin township sixteen years ago. By this marriage Captain Chapin left two sons: Dr. E. H. Chapin of Columbus, Ohio, and Dr. L. B. Chapin, a dentist at Milan. Mrs. Chapin, the widow of Captain Chapin, now lives with her son Dr. Chapin at Milan, and is sixty years of age. Mrs. Moats has one brother, Judge Roy H. Williams of Sandusky, who was recently elected judge of Erie County in the fall of 1914, having twice previously served as prosecuting attorney. Judge

Williams was graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor at the age of twenty-one and married Verna L. Lockwood of Milan, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Moats have two children. Helen Lucile, born September 4, 1894, completed her education in the Berlin Heights High School and is a cultured and promising member of the social community. Ronald Williams, the only son, was born in May, 1908. Mr. Moats is a republican, and takes an active interest in local affairs. He and his wife are members of the Berlin Heights Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is a steward and trustee.

JOHN EBERT. One of the progressive young citizens of Perkins Township, John Ebert is a member of the board of education of that township and has built up an extensive business as a wholesale butcher and owns a well improved small farm at Bogart.

Born in Sandusky, Ohio, September 29, 1878, John Ebert is a son of Lewis and Catherine (Herbel) Ebert. His father was born in New York state, a son of John Ebert, who was a native of Germany, while Catherine Herbel was born in Germany. Lewis Ebert came to Erie County with his parents when a boy, grew up in Sandusky, was educated in the local schools, and now for many years has lived in Oxford Township, and is likewise a butcher and farmer. He is a democrat in politics.

Mr. John Ebert spent his early life in Oxford township, attended the public schools of that locality, but before reaching manhood had already fitted himself for the practical duties of life by experience. For a number of years he has been in business for himself as a wholesale butcher, and in 1909 located at his present home at Bogart. He owns a farm of fifteen acres, and cultivates it to general crops in connection with his business as a butcher.

On April 2, 1902, he married Cora E. Biehl, who was born in Sandusky, a daughter of Jacob A. Biehl of Sandusky. There are three children: Margaret C., Willard F. and Charles L. Mr. Ebert is a member of the board of education of Perkins township, and was previously a candidate for township treasurer. He is a democrat and carries his public spirit into all his relations with the community. He has shown himself a progressive friend of schools and public education, and is well entitled to the confidence he enjoys. Fraternally he is affiliated with the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Milan.

JEROME H. NORTON. Of the residents of the agricultural community of Perkins Township who are carrying forward the work commenced by their fathers many years ago, mention is due Jerome H. Norton, who is now operating the Norton homestead, one of the valuable farming tracts of this locality. While not a native son of Erie County, Mr. Norton has resided here since his fifth year and has watched and participated in its development, adding his contribution to the movements which have made it one of the richest sections of the Buckeye State.

Mr. Norton was born in Huron County, Ohio, October 1, 1865, and is a son of Henry C. and Charlotte (Henderson) Norton. His grandfather, James Norton, was born in New York, and several years after the birth of his son, Henry C., left his native community and turned his face toward the West, seeking his fortune in the new country of Ohio. He finally arrived in Huron County, where he took up his residence in the woods, established his little family in a small home and at once set about the great task of clearing and developing a farm from which to gain a livelihood. Years of industrious labor followed and were finally rewarded with success, and when he died Mr. Norton was one of the substantial men of his community.

H. C. Norton

Henry C. Norton was born in New York, and when the family started from the Empire State on their western journey was three years of age. He grew up in the vicinity of Norwalk, in Norwalk Township, Huron County, Ohio, and there received a good education and began farming. Later on he came to Erie County, and after moving about for a short time finally settled on the farm in Perkins Township on which his widow and son still survive. As a farmer and stock raiser he accumulated a good property and became one of the substantial men of his community, the interests of which he always had at heart. He was a valued and enthusiastic member of Perkins Grange, and in political matters was a republican, but was not particularly active in the affairs of his party, preferring the peace and quiet of his pastoral duties to the strife and doubtful honors of the political arena. His death occurred September 26, 1912. Mr. Norton married Miss Charlotte Henderson, who was born in the State of Connecticut, in 1835, daughter of Joseph Henderson. She was five years of age when the family made the trip overland to Ohio, settling in Perkins Township, Erie County, where the father was engaged in farming during the remainder of his life. Mrs. Norton still survives her husband and resides on the home farm, and while she is in her eightieth year is still active in body and alert in mind. During her long residence in Perkins Township she has formed a large acquaintance, in which she numbers a wide circle of friends.

Jerome H. Norton was five years of age when he was brought by his parents to Erie County, and in the public schools of Perkins Township he secured his education. He was brought up as a farmer, and agricultural work has always occupied his attention and activities. The Norton homestead, of which he is manager, is a tract of seventy-five acres, under an excellent state of development and devoted to all departments of farming and stock raising. Its buildings are commodious and modern in character and its improvements of the best, so that it is accounted one of the valuable properties of the locality. Mr. Norton keeps fully abreast of the advancements being made in agricultural science, and is an interested member of the Perkins Grange, to which Mrs. Norton also belongs. He has had no time for activities in public life, but has given his support to those movements which his judgment has told him will benefit the community.

Frank E. Lindsley. It is to the efforts of such energetic and progressive agriculturists as Frank E. Lindsley that the great advance in agriculture and stock raising during the past decade in Erie County is due, and it is to such as he that Perkins Township looks for a continuation of its present prosperity. His active life has spanned an important farming era and his labors have gained him independence and success, while at the same time he has been able to contribute to his community's advancement.

Mr. Lindsley belongs to one of the old and esteemed families of Erie County, and was born on the farm which he now occupies in Perkins Township, July 12, 1878, being a son of Dell D. and Helen (Covell) Lindsley. His grandfather, Hon. William D. Lindsley, was born in Kentucky and as a young man became an early settler and the founder of the family in Erie County, Ohio. On his arrival here, he settled in the woods of Perkins Township, on the farm which is now owned and occupied by his grandson. He here built a small house, commenced the work of clearing and development, and after many years of hard work succeeded in the development of a good farm and the establishing of a comfortable home for his family. Although he was not in the Civil war he was made general by the state militia. In his later years he became one of the most prominent and influential men of the county, was sent to

numerous public offices by his appreciative fellow-citizens, and finally was elected congressman to represent the district in which he resided and served as such two terms. As a soldier he was brave and courageous, winning the confidence and admiration of his men, as a public official he was conscientious in the performance of the duties of his office and possessed of great executive ability, and as a farmer was able to gain success through well directed management and good judgment. He died when seventy-five years old, rich in a material way as in the respect and regard of those among whom he had spent so many years. Mrs. Lindsley, who was a native of Connecticut, was also an early settler of Perkins Township, and was well advanced in years when she died.

Dell D. Lindsley was born in Perkins Township, was educated in the district schools, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, in which he was engaged for several years. At about this time, however, farming machinery was beginning to reach its present high perfection, this offering a prolific field for men of foresight who were possessed of the qualities which made the good salesman. Accordingly, Mr. Lindsley turned his attention to this vocation, met with immediate success therein, and for many years traveled all over the Union, selling farming machinery, appliances and implements. Throughout his life, however, his home continued to be in Perkins township, and here he died in 1890. Mrs. Lindsley, who was also born in Perkins Township, still survives and continues to make her home here, being seventy-six years of age. She has been the mother of the following children: Alice, who is the wife of D. D. Rogers, and lives near Castalia, Ohio; Dell D., who is a resident of Perkins Township; William H., also of this township; Carrie, who is the wife of Myron Caswell, of Sandusky, Ohio; John M., of Perkins Township; Frank E., of this notice; Mae, who is the wife of Harry Hayes, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; and Minnie, who is deceased.

Frank E. Lindsley was reared to man's estate on the farm on which he now lives and on which he has passed his entire life. His education was gained from the district schools of Perkins township and the Milan (Ohio) High School, where he passed over three years, and he then took up his life work as manager of the homestead place. He has been successful in its operation, has added to its improvements and general worth, and may be classed among the thoroughly progressive and energetic agriculturists of this part of the state. He is a valued member of Perkins Grange. While he generally votes the democratic ticket he has independent political proclivities and at all times endeavors to give his support to the best men and the most beneficial movements. He is not an office seeker, but at times has been active where the public welfare has been at stake. With his family, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Lindsley married Miss Elizabeth Horn, of Perkins Township, daughter of Henry Horn, now a resident of Sandusky. To this union there have been born four children: Grace M., who is deceased; Florence M., Clifford E., and Wayne Solon.

John A. Strong. The farming interests of the community of Oxford Township are ably represented by John A. Strong, who is widely known in his field of operations and directs a valuable estate in that vicinity, also operating as a dairyman. As a citizen he has rendered his community excellent services of a public character and though not an office seeker or politician is a supporter of all worthy and beneficial movements.

The Strong family in America was planted about the time of the Mayflower pilgrimage, and John A. Strong is descended from some of those early colonists in New England. He was born in Lime Township of

Huron County, Ohio, December 4, 1847, a son of Pelatiah and Iantha (Boalt) Strong, the former a native of Courtland County, New York, and the latter of Norwalk, Connecticut. Pelatiah Strong was only a boy when he came with his father Abner Strong from New York state to Huron County. Abner Strong was one of the early settlers there, and he and three of his brothers at one time owned all the land on Strong's Ridge, a little village and social community in Huron County which permanently testifies to the activities of this early family. Pelatiah Strong grew up in Huron County, lived for a number of years at Strong's Ridge, and for a time was a country merchant there. Later he brought his family to Henry County, Ohio, and after several years moved with his family from Henry County, Ohio to Fayette County, Iowa, in February, 1854, with a team of horses and covered wagon. They were three weeks on the road, and, strange as it may seem, they were not hindered by any bad storms on the journey. They crossed the Mississippi on the ice at Clayton, and the mother would not ride nor permit her son John to do so, as she thought it dangerous, though the ice was probably two feet thick. She took her son by the hand and they walked all the way across. The family lived in Iowa for eleven years and then returned East in 1865 and settled in Erie County. John A. Strong at that time was in his eighteenth year. Pelatiah Strong then became a farmer in Oxford Township and located on the place now owned by his son John, living there until his death which occurred February 25, 1881. He was a successful farmer, and frequently employed his judgment and energy for the benefit of the community. He was a republican, always public spirited, and took a great interest in the public schools and the general uplift of his home locality. In character he was noted for his strict integrity and his honorable dealings with his fellow men.

John A. Strong secured his early education in the schools of Henry County, Ohio, Fayette County, Iowa, and Erie County, Ohio, and since the age of eighteen has continuously been a resident of Oxford Township. He has learned a great deal by experience and practice as a farmer and has always kept himself apace with the best methods of handling the soil and its resources. At the present time he is the owner of a fine place of one hundred sixteen acres in Oxford township and uses it for general crops and stock and operates a first class dairy.

He married for his first wife Samantha E. Beare, who was born in Perkins Township of Erie County, a daughter of Hiram Beare, for many years a farmer both in Perkins and Oxford Townships. By this union there were three sons: Earl G. of Milan, Ohio; and Charles R. and Howard C., both living at Avery, Ohio. The wife of Hiram Beare and consequently the mother of Mrs. Strong was Abigail Kelley. Mr. Strong married, for his present wife Emma Idella Fox, who was born in Hardin County, Ohio, a daughter of Allen and Catherine Fox. Her father for a number of years was a farmer in Perkins Township of Erie County. There are also three sons by this second marriage: John B., Dean A., and Arthur W.

In a public way Mr. Strong has proved himself a loyal and stanch friend of schools, churches, and every moral institution. Politically he is a prohibitionist, and does what he can to advance the cause of temperance in his county and state.

Matthew O. Puckrin. In Perkins Township, along the Rural Delivery Route No. 1 out of Sandusky, is the highly cultivated and valuable farm homestead of Matthew O. Puckrin and family. Mr. Puckrin has been a farmer in Erie County since coming to manhood, and altogether has spent nearly seventy years in this section of Northern Ohio. During

his lifetime he has gained the things most worthy of effort, a good home, ample provision for his children, and the esteem of his fellow men. He is one of Erie County's valuable citizens.

Matthew O. Puckrin was born in Erie County, December 10, 1847. He was one of the children of Thomas and Martha Puckrin, who were natives of England and came to America nearly a century ago. Their first home was in Sandusky, and from that city, then a pioneer village, they removed to Perkins Township, where the father did his part as an early settler. He cleared up and cultivated a large tract of land, and was frequently honored by his fellow citizens with township offices. Of the children born to Thomas Puckrin and wife the four now living are: George W., of Sandusky; Mary, widow of J. C. Parker, formerly residents of Erie County, while she now makes her home in Columbus, Ohio; Matthew O.; and Edward, also a resident of Perkins Township. The late Hon. Joseph Puckrin was also one of the children. He represented Erie County in the Lower House of the Ohio Legislature, and was one of the very prominent citizens.

Matthew O. Puckrin grew up on his father's homestead, attended the public schools of Perkins Township, and for a time was a student in Oberlin College. Early in life he made choice of farming as his vocation, and to that calling has directed his efforts with more than ordinary success.

On March 18, 1870, Mr. Puckrin married Mary A. Hills, who was born near Hartford, Connecticut, a daughter of W. M. and Eleanor (Jacobs) Hills. When she was three years of age her parents, also natives of Connecticut, moved from that state to Erie County, Ohio, and became substantial citizens in the rural community of Perkins Township. Both parents died there many years ago. Mrs. Puckrin has one sister, Martha C., wife of H. F. Byington of Perkins Township. Mrs. Puckrin grew up in Perkins Township and received her education in the local schools. To this union have been born five children: Bertha A., wife of Adelbert Parker of Blissville, Michigan; William M., of Perkins Township; Martha C., wife of George J. Rogers of Oxford Township; Dora C., wife of Ernest Moyer of Clyde, Ohio; and Carrie M., wife of Walter Otto of Sandusky.

Mr. Puckrin is a republican in politics and has regularly voted for the candidates of that party for more than forty years. In all his relations with the community he is public spirted and stands for local improvement and progress. He and his wife are both members of the Maccabees Order at Bloomingville in Erie County.

John H. Barnes. It is not only as a prosperous agriculturist, but also as a business man and citizen, that John H. Barnes is known to the community of North Monroeville, Oxford Township, where he has spent practically all his life. The Barnes family has been identified with that community nearly seventy years, and all the various members have been noted for hardworking ability and shrewd business judgment.

Born at North Monroeville November 18, 1855, John H. Barnes is a son of Walter S. and Alma (Hoyt) Barnes. His father was born at Gouverneur, New York, and the mother was also a native of that state, her father, John Hoyt, having served as a soldier in the War of 1812. The Barnes family is of English origin. Walter S. Barnes came out to Erie County about 1846 with a brother, Norman, and both settled at North Monroeville, where Walter conducted one of the old-time taverns or hotels for a short time, but later engaged in farming, a business which was his primary vocation throughout his life. His brother Norman was for a few years a harnessmaker at North Monroeville, but later became well known as a buyer and shipper of live stock at Bellevue, Ohio, where

he is still living, at the venerable age of ninety-one years. Walter S. Barnes died May 12, 1897. While his activities as a farmer brought him considerable success, he is also known in a public way, and served a number of years as trustee of Oxford Township and at one time held the position of justice of the peace. He was a republican in politics and was one of the best citizens Oxford Township ever claimed.

John H. Barnes, who is the only one now living of the six children of his parents, was reared to man's estate in North Monroeville and his education in the public schools there was supplemented by one year of attendance at Oberlin College. Since the age of twenty he has been on his own responsibilities and has been able to provide liberally for the needs of his family and acquire an enviable position in the community.

On September 18, 1878, Mr. Barnes married Miss Ella Fisher, who was born in Huron County, Ohio, a daughter of Moses Fisher, long identified with the farming interests of that county. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, two of whom died in infancy. Alma is the wife of George Strecker, of Bellevue, Ohio; Issa May is the wife of Harry Bounds, also of Bellevue; while Eunice and Lois are both at home in North Monroeville.

As an agriculturist Mr. Barnes owns and directs the operations over 100 acres of land in Oxford Township, and also has sixty-one acres in Huron County. Among other interests, he is connected with the Strecker Implement Company, Incorporated, at Bellevue. This company handles farm implements, Studebaker automobiles, and all machinery used in the agricultural community surrounding Bellevue. Politically, Mr. Barnes has always supported the republican party. His own service includes an active participation in local school affairs, and for a number of years he has been a member of the North Monroeville School District Board, and a portion of the time was president of the board. He is a member of the Congregational Church at North Monroeville, and has always stood for the best things in community life.

John A. Crysinger. Most eligibly situated in Perkins Township, on Rural Mail Route No. 3 from the City of Sandusky, is the well-improved farm of Mr. Crysinger, who is a native of Erie County and a representative of one of its honored pioneer families. He has here found ample scope for productive enterprise and the achieving of definite success and prosperity through his identification with the great basic industries of agriculture and stock-growing, has never faltered in his loyalty to and appreciation of his native county, and is a citizen whose worthy character and accomplishment have given him high place in popular esteem, his being the prestige that attaches to the pioneer citizen of the community, for within his life he has witnessed a wonderful transformation in conditions and influences in Erie County and has himself contributed his due quota to civic and industrial development and progress.

Mr. Crysinger was born at Sandusky on the 1st of September, 1848, and is a son of Christian and Catherine (Rohrbacker) Crysinger, both of whom were born in the Grandduchy of Baden, Germany. Christian Crysinger was about twelve years of age at the time of the family immigration from the German Fatherland to America, and his father, who likewise bore the personal name of Christian, became one of the pioneer settlers in Erie County, Ohio, where he secured a tract of wild land and instituted the reclamation and development of a farm, this old homestead, in Perkins Township, having continued the abiding place of himself and his wife until they were summoned from the stage of life's mortal endeavors—folk of industrious habits and sterling integrity, well merit-

ing the popular confidence in which they were uniformly held in the community.

On the pioneer farm Christian Crysinger, Jr., was reared to maturity and he finally initiated his career as an independent farmer by purchasing and establishing his residence on the fine homestead now owned and occupied by his son, John A., of this review. He was long known as one of the substantial agriculturists and stock-growers of Erie County, achieved success through earnest and well-directed industry, was signally steadfast and true in all of the relations of life and commanded inviolable place in popular confidence and esteem. He passed to the life eternal in 1908, at the patriarchal age of ninety years, and he was at the time of his death the most venerable of all pioneer citizens of Erie County, his wife having preceded him to eternal rest by a number of years, and both having been zealous communicants of the Lutheran Church. Of the surviving children, John A., subject of this sketch, is the eldest; Catherine is the wife of William Simpson, and they reside in the State of Michigan; Margaret is the widow of George Simson and still maintains her home in Michigan; Sarah is the wife of Henry Wright, of Bellevue, Huron County, Ohio; Elizabeth is the wife of Frederick Rohrbacker, a prosperous farmer in Oxford Township, Erie County; and Miss Fredericka resides in the City of Toledo.

John A. Crysinger was reared to maturity on the old homestead farm which he now owns, received his early education in the schools of Perkins Township, and during his entire career has never deviated from a line of close allegiance to the industry of agriculture. He is the owner of about forty-six acres of excellent land, his homestead place containing twenty-five acres, and he gives his attention to diversified agriculture and to the raising of good grades of live stock. He is always ready to do his part in aiding in the support of measures and undertakings projected for the general good of the community, and though he has never manifested any desire for political preferment, he is a stalwart supporter of the principles and policies of the republican party. He is well known throughout his native county and here his circle of friends is limited only by that of his acquaintances.

Augustus Leicester Moss. Among the families whose activities and lives have been distinctive contributions to the progress of Sandusky, probably none deserves more credit than that of Moss. More than three-quarters of a century ago the then head of the family came to the flourishing lake port town of Sandusky and established one of the early mercantile stores of the place. From that time to the present the name has been associated with the merchandising, banking, the promotion and building of railways and other public movements, and members of three generations have contributed their abilities and resources to the financial and civic life of this community.

Augustus Leicester Moss, active representative of the present generation, was born at Norwalk, in Huron County. His ancestry goes back to the old country. In the direct line his earliest American ancestor was John Moss, who lived in Connecticut, as early as 1639, and subsequently removed to Wallingford, Connecticut. In the next generation was Joseph Moss, who married Mary Alling. Their son was Nathaniel Moss, who married Keziah Royse. In the next generation is found Jared Moss, who married Patience B. Hitchcock. Of these parents, Augustus Hitchcock Moss was born at New Berlin, New York, in 1810. The last named was the founder of the Moss family in Sandusky. He was a graduate of Yale College, and afterwards taught school at New Berlin, New York. Business life made a stronger appeal to him than a profes-

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sion, and in 1837 he came west and located at Sandusky, which was then a very small but flourishing town. He opened a general store at the western limits of the then city, and in a short time was prospering. He dealt extensively in general merchandise and produce, and a feature of the business was the buying of wool from the farmers in this territory. He subsequently sold a portion of the business to his brother, Samuel Moss, retaining the hardware store until 1850. In that year he engaged in the banking business. The old letterheads he used at the time read, "A. H. Moss, Banker," and subsequently the institution was known as Moss Bros., Bankers. Soon after the National Banking Act was passed in 1863, A. H. Moss was one of the very first to apply for a charter, and the First National Bank of Sandusky was in reality the third bank chartered under that act, though its official number was sixteen. Mr. Moss became president of the First National Bank, and his personality was one of the chief assets of the institution until the expiration of its charter at the end of twenty years. Then in 1883 he organized the Moss National Bank of Sandusky, and was its president until his death. Augustus H. Moss married Mary Esther Moss, a daughter of Rev. Joseph and Mary Moss, of the same family, Reverend Joseph having been a son of Joseph and Mary (Alling) Moss, already mentioned in the Moss genealogy. Augustus H. Moss was one of the strong characters in the early life of Sandusky. He was reared in the Presbyterian faith, but because of the fact that he wore straps over his boots he was expelled from that church, which at that time insisted strongly upon simplicity, and joined Grace Episcopal Church, in which he was a vestryman and senior warden for many years. In politics he acted and worked with the whig party until its dissolution, and became a republican in the '50s, and continued with that party the rest of his life. Of his political career it should be recalled that he was a member of the convention which nominated William Henry Harrison for the presidency in 1840, the noble old whig who sat in the President's chair only a few months. He was also one of the trustees of Kenyon College, and occupied a similar position in the blind asylum at Columbus.

Jay I. O. Moss, father of Augustus L., was born in Sandusky November 10, 1838, and finished his education at Kenyon College. At the beginning of the Civil war he enlisted, but was rejected by the examining surgeon, though he was none the less of great service to the Union cause, sending two substitutes into the army and also serving as paymaster at Johnson's Island until the close of the war. For this service he would accept no remuneration. After the war he was in the banking business with his father, subsequently becoming president of the Moss National Bank, and continuing with it until the business was liquidated. He is also remembered as one of the promoters and vice presidents of the S. M. N. Railway. J. O. Moss continued a resident of Sandusky until his death, June 27, 1911. He was a member of the Union League Club, the Metropolitan Club and the Lawyers' Club of New York City, and had an extensive business and personal relationship with prominent men in various parts of the country.

Jay O. Moss married Frances Lane Griswold Boalt. She was born in Norwalk, Ohio, October 9, 1838. Her father was Hon. Charles Leicester Boalt, who was born in Norwalk, Connecticut, of early colonial ancestry. He was well educated, took up the profession of law, and coming west, located at Norwalk, Ohio, as an early settler. He was a prominent member of the early bar, and after being elected circuit judge followed the custom of early judges, traveling about the country attend-

ing court in the different county seats, and in these trips, usually made on horseback, was accompanied by the members of the bar who likewise practiced in all portions of the district. Judge Boalt was also one of the promoters of the S. M. N. Railroad, and was its president until his death. Judge Boalt dealt extensively in lands, bought land warrants from old soldiers, and was in many ways one of the leading characters in Northern Ohio. Judge Boalt married Eliza Woodbridge Griswold, born in Black Hall, Connecticut, who likewise represented a prominent family. She was the daughter of Governor Roger and Fannie (Rogers) Griswold, and the granddaughter of Governor Mathew and Ursula (Wolcott) Griswold. Mrs. Jay O. Moss died at New York, N. Y., March 24, 1907. She was a leader in social circles in Sandusky, and president of the Sandusky Library Association, and through her personal acquaintance with Mr. Carnegie, made an appeal to that financier for the donation of fifty thousand dollars, which Mr. Carnegie gave to Sandusky on unusually favorable terms. Mrs. Moss reared two children. The only daughter, Cornelia Emily, married G. Hunter Brown, and their one daughter is named Ursula Wolcott Brown.

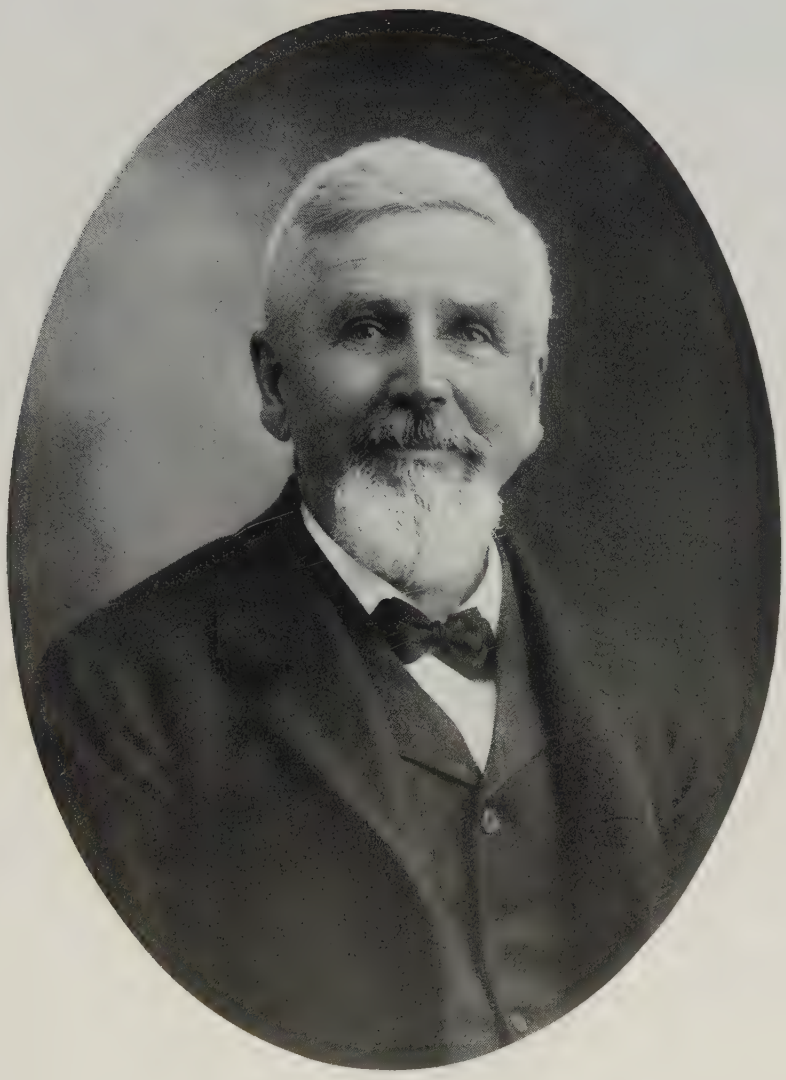
Augustus L. Moss had the advantages of being reared in a home of culture and wealth. As a boy he attended school at Gratz, Austria, two and one-half years and also St. Paul's Preparatory School at Concord, New Hampshire. He was a student in Yale University until ill health compelled him to abandon his studies. After a year of rest and recuperation abroad, he went into the bank with his father, and was assistant cashier of the Moss National Bank. At the present time Mr. Moss lives retired, looking after his private interests.

He was married January 27, 1891, to Caroline Babcock Curtis. She was born at Westerly, Rhode Island, a daughter of Myron Bradley Curtis. Mr. and Mrs. Moss had one son, named Wolcott Griswold Moss, who died at Lyme, Connecticut, August 3, 1915.

Mr. Moss is affiliated with Science Lodge No. 50, A. F. & A. M.; Sandusky Chapter No. 72, R. A. M.; Sandusky City Council No. 36, R. & S. M.; Erie Commandery No. 23, K. T.; the Ohio Consistory of Scottish Rite at Cincinnati and Al Koran Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Cleveland, Ohio. He is a member of the Metropolitan Club of New York City. He and his family worship in the Episcopal Church, and are residents of old Lyme, Connecticut.

William Hamilton Jefferson, who died on the ancestral farmstead which was the place of his nativity, was a scion of one of the staunchest pioneer families of Erie County, within whose gracious borders he passed the major portion of his long and useful life—a man of fine intellectuality, of inviolable rectitude and integrity and of the faith and exalted ideals that make for faithfulness and usefulness in the varied relations of life. Both the Jefferson and Hamilton families, of which he was a scion, have been long established in America, both have stood exponent of superior mentality and sterling integrity as one generation has followed another on to the stage of life, and three generations of the Jefferson family have been prominent and honored factors in connection with the social and industrial affairs of Erie County, Ohio, and the name has been one of much prominence in connection with civic and material development and progress in this favored section of the Buckeye State.

In the pioneer log cabin home of his parents, on the old homestead farm that had been purchased by his father in 1834, in the southeast



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corner of Berlin Township, Erie County, Ohio, William Hamilton Jefferson was born on the 10th of August, 1836, and his death occurred on the 17th of November, 1910, on the same estate. David C. Jefferson, one of the first owners of this farm, was born in Rochester, Windsor County, Vermont, on the 26th of June, 1905, and died at Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio, on the 26th of May, 1890.

David C. Jefferson was a son of Jacob Jefferson, who was born in Vermont, between the years 1770 and 1775, and who passed his entire life in the old Green Mountain State, his vocation having been that of farming and his death having occurred when he was in the prime of life. He and his wife became the parents of a large family of children, and David C. was not yet of adult age at the time of his parents' death. A comparatively well authenticated family tradition is that two Jefferson brothers came from England to America in the early colonial period of our national history, one of them settling in New England and the other in the South. From this New England progenitor the subject of this memoir is descended, and tradition goes farther to put forth the statement that from the brother who settled in the South was descended Thomas Jefferson, the distinguished Virginian who was the second President of the United States.

In the schools of his native state David C. Jefferson acquired his early education, and as a youth he was bound out or indentured to learn the trade of blacksmith. His dislike for this vocation or for his instructor and virtual master was such that he ran away from his native town and proceeded to Middlebury, Addison County, Vermont, where he not only found employment but also an opportunity to attend a well ordered select school. He made good use of the educational advantages thus afforded him, as is shown by the fact that he later became specially successful as a teacher. At Middlebury he met and wedded Miss Mary Hamilton, who was born at that place in 1812, a member of a family whose name had been one of prominence in that locality for generations, as shown today by many duly marked graves in which repose the mortal remains of her ancestors. Her father was a local magistrate and prominent and influential citizen, and her mother, whose maiden or family name was Walker, was a representative of another old and honored family of that section of the Green Mountain State.

In 1834 David C. Jefferson set out to establish a home in the semi-wilderness of Ohio, the current of immigration to the West being then at full tide. Proceeding to Buffalo, New York, he thence came by stage and other conveyances to the home of Mrs. Jefferson's uncle, Harry Walker, who had established his residence in Erie County, Ohio, at a point east of the present Berlin Heights and west of Florence, in Berlin Township. Immediately impressed with the advantages and possibilities of this section, Mr. Jefferson decided to establish his permanent home, and after an interval of about six months he sent for his wife and infant son George, who joined him. His original purchase of land was a tract of somewhat more than ninety acres, in the southeast corner of Berlin Township, but little improvement having been made on the place other than the erection of the diminutive log house in which he and his wife established their modest home. Later he erected on the place a more commodious and pretentious farm dwelling, and in 1852 he built a substantial stone and mortar house which was one of the largest and most imposing homesteads of the locality and which still stands in a state of admirable preservation, time's disintegrating effects having left it practically untouched. The house has ten large rooms, it has been kept up to advancing standards in modern improvements and still remains one of the model and attractive rural homes of Erie County, this place, endeared to him by many hallowed memories and associations

of the past, having been that in which the honored subject of this memoir passed the closing years of his life. David C. Jefferson, putting forth admirable energy and mature judgment, ultimately improved and developed one of the fine farms of this sections of the state, and he became specially well known as a successful stock-grower. He introduced the Merino sheep in Erie County and had become one of the leading breeders of the same in Northern Ohio prior to the Civil war. He was essentially a man of energy and progressiveness and his sterling traits of character, as combined with his strong mentality and civic liberality, well equipped him for leadership in popular thought and action, the while he commanded the unqualified esteem of all who knew him. For several years after he had established his home on his pioneer farm he devoted his attention to teaching in local schools during the winter months, and among his pupils—his loyal friends in later years—were such distinguished officers of the Union in the Civil war as Col. Seth Barber and Col. Nathan G. Sherman, both of whom were from Huron County. Mr. Jefferson was a staunch supporter of the activities of the Sons of Temperance, was an ardent abolitionist during the climacteric period leading up to the Civil war, and his home was a "station" on the historic "Underground Railroad," through the medium of which so many slaves were assisted in gaining their freedom. In politics he was originally a whig, but he united with the republican party at the time of its organization and ever afterward continued a staunch supporter of its cause. His devoted wife passed to the life eternal in November, 1880, and he died in the City of Norwalk, Huron County, not far distant from his old homestead, on the 26th of May, 1890, as noted in a preceding paragraph. Both he and his wife were reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but eventually they became members of the Adventist Church, with which they continued to be actively identified during the residue of their lives. Concerning their children brief record is given in the following paragraph:

George, the only one of the number born prior to the immigration to Ohio, was an infant at the time of the removal from Vermont to Erie County, and here he died in childhood. William Hamilton, to whom this memoir is dedicated, was the next in order of birth. Wilbur Fiske was born and reared on the old homestead farm in Berlin Township, was afforded good educational advantages and became a successful teacher in the public schools, and he was an honored citizen of Norwalk, Huron County, at the time of his death, in 1905. He married Miss Ann Arnet, who survived him about three years. One son and one daughter survive. David Everton, who is now living retired in the City of Toledo, was a gallant soldier of the Union in the Civil war, in which he served as a member of Company C, Fifty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He participated in many important engagements, including the first Battle of Bull Run and the Battle of Chancellorsville, in which latter engagement he received a severe wound. After recuperation he took part in the ever memorable Battle of Gettysburg and at the expiration of his term of enlistment he re-enlisted as a veteran, his service in the ranks thus continuing until the close of the great conflict through which the integrity of the nation was preserved. He and his wife have no children except an adopted daughter. George, the second of the name, likewise enlisted as a soldier of the Union and died of illness while with his regiment at Grafton, Virginia, in 1862, when about twenty years of age. Ida, who was never married, maintains her home in the City of Norwalk, Huron County.

William Hamilton Jefferson early began to aid in the work of the home farm which was the place of his birth, and under this sturdy discipline he learned the lessons of practical industry, the while he waxed

strong in mind and physique, his preliminary education having been acquired in the pioneer schools of the locality and this having been supplemented by an effective course of study in Oberlin College. He was engaged in teaching in the public schools of the State of Missouri at the inception of the Civil war, and both he and his brother Wilber, who was likewise teaching there, became unwelcome residents of Missouri when the animosities of sectional order heightened in that State, so that they were compelled to make their escape to Ohio. For several years after his return to Ohio, William H. Jefferson continued his services as a successful and popular teacher in the public schools, and he then purchased a tract of land near the City of Toledo, where he gave his attention to agricultural pursuits about two years. He then sold his farm and purchased another, in Townsend Township, Huron County, where he remained five years and was successful in his endeavors. At the expiration of this period he sold his property in Huron County and purchased the old homestead farm on which he was born, this fine place having continued his abiding place during the major part of his life thereafter, though he was for eight years a resident of Norwalk, Ohio, where he was engaged in the lumber business. Upon his return to the old homestead he directed his attention to its supervision, and here he continued to reside, secure in the confidence and high regard of all who knew him, until his death, at the venerable age of seventy-six years. Mr. Jefferson made his life count for good in its every relation, was a progressive and successful business man, a progressive agriculturist and stock-grower and a liberal and public-spirited citizen. Though he was a stalwart, and effective advocate of the cause of the republican party he had no desire for political office, though his civic loyalty and continued interest in educational affairs caused him to consent to serve as a member of the school board of his district, a position in which he did much to further the advancing of local standards of school work.

At the home of the bride's parents, in Berlin Township, this county, on the 6th of November, 1861, was solemnized the marriage of William H. Jefferson to Miss Adelia Spore, who was born in Albany County, New York, on the 8th of January, 1837, and who was fifteen years of age at the time of the family removal to Berlin Township, Erie County, Ohio, she having been afforded the advantages of Oberlin College and having been a successful teacher prior to her marriage, several of her sisters also having been popular representatives of the pedagogic profession in this section of the Buckeye State. Mrs. Jefferson is a daughter of David and Lucy (Pratt) Spore, both of whom were born in the Hudson River Valley of New York, William Spore, father of David, having been a native of Holland and having been a resident of Albany County, New York, at the time of his death. David Spore was born in Albany County, about the year 1800, and there was solemnized his marriage to Miss Lucy Pratt, their removal to Erie County, Ohio, having occurred in 1852, in which year they settled in Berlin Township. Mr. Spore was a stonecutter by trade and aided in the construction of the fine old Jefferson homestead which has already been described in this context. He died about the close of the Civil war, and his noble wife survived him by many years, she having been summoned to eternal rest about the year 1897. Mrs. Spore was a devout Christian worker, especially in the Sunday School and in behalf of the cause of temperance, and at the time of the Civil war she did effective service as one of the devoted women who aided the soldiers and their families in every possible way. She was revered by all who came within the sphere of her gentle and gracious influence, and in the later years of her life was widely and familiarly known as "Aunt Lucy."

William H. and Adelia (Spore) Jefferson became the parents of the

children concerning whom brief mention is made in the following paragraph, the devoted mother, who receives from all of the children the deepest filial solicitude, still remaining on the old homestead place in Berlin Township.

Miss Mary L. Jefferson, who maintains her residence at Norwalk, Huron County, has well maintained the ancestral prestige of the name through her effective services as an able and popular representative of the pedagogic profession. She was born and reared on the old homestead and after her graduation in the Norwalk High School she amplified her education, as she became a student in the great University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and later was a student in the equally celebrated University of Chicago. For the past twenty years she has been one of the honored and valued teachers in the public schools of Norwalk, where she has served as principal of the grade schools and where she is now a successful teacher in the high school. She is an enthusiast in her work, is actively identified with the Northwestern Ohio Teachers' Association, and is a popular figure in educational and social circles in her home city. George Jefferson is president of the Jefferson Hardware Company, at Norwalk, and is one of the representative business men and influential citizens of this city. He wedded Miss Isabel Bonar and they have two children—Grace E., who is a student (1915) in Dennison University, and Howard, who is attending the Norwalk High School. David Spore Jefferson, who is a bachelor, is secretary of the Jefferson Hardware Company, at Norwalk. William L., who remains with his widowed mother on the old homestead farm, is upholding the honors of the family in the domain of successful agriculture and stock-growing, and his name is still enrolled on the list of eligible bachelors in his native county. Ethel Jefferson was graduated in the Norwalk High School and in Buchtel College, an institution now known as the University of Akron, and she was a popular teacher in the public schools for some time prior to her marriage to Harry Rowell, their home being now in the City of Toronto, Canada, and their two children being Marian Lois and William.

Charles H. Rockwell. The late Charles H. Rockwell passed the major part of his long and useful life in Erie County, his parents having here established their residence when he was a lad of about seven years, and here he was summoned to the life eternal on the 25th of January, 1915—a man whose career had been one of large and worthy achievement along normal lines of industrial and business enterprise, whose "strength was as the number of his days," whose character was the positive expression of a strong, loyal and noble nature, and who left the world better for his having lived, though his was not a life of self-exploitation or marked by ambition for prominence or fame, he having pursued the even tenor of his way, working for success that was worthy of its name, generous and considerate in his association with his fellow-men, loyal and liberal as a citizen, and true and steadfast in all the relations and associations of life. Such a man ever merits and receives public confidence and approbation, and Erie County lost an honored and valued citizen when Charles H. Rockwell was summoned from the stage of life's mortal endeavors, after having passed the psalmist's allotted span of threescore years and ten.

Mr. Rockwell was born in Chautauqua County, New York, on the 15th of June, 1842, and was a son of John and Sarah (Wilcox) Rockwell, the former a native of the State of New York and the latter of Connecticut. As previously stated, the subject of this memoir was a boy at the time of the family immigration from the old Empire State to Erie County, Ohio, where settlement was made in Milan Township, about the year 1849, when this section of the state was still definitely

marked by the pioneer conditions and influences. After several years had elapsed the family removed to Swanton, Henry County, but within a short time they returned to Erie County and settled on a farm in Oxford Township, where the father was identified with agricultural pursuits for a long term of years and where the devoted wife and mother passed the closing period of her life. After the death of his wife, John Rockwell removed to Milan Township, where he continued to reside until his death.

The greater part of the early youth of Charles H. Rockwell was passed on the old homestead farm in Oxford Township, and there he was reared to years of maturity, in the meanwhile having contributed materially to the work of the farm and having availed himself of the advantages of the local schools, his self-discipline and varied experiences in later years having made him a man of broad information and mature judgment. The major part of his active career was one of close and successful identification with the basic industries of agriculture and stock-growing, and he developed also a specially extensive and prosperous business as a buyer and shipper of live stock, in which connection he became well and favorably known throughout Erie and adjoining counties.

When the Civil war was precipitated on the nation Mr. Rockwell subordinated all other interests and tendered his aid in the defense of the Union, his service having covered a period of about three years. He enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he received promotion from the position of private to that of sergeant. During the greater part of his service he was assigned or detailed to special duty, principally in connection with the affairs of the federal war prison on Johnson's Island, in Lake Erie, where his ability as a penman and accountant made his services specially valuable at the official headquarters.

Mr. Rockwell always gave allegiance to the republican party, and he manifested his abiding interest in his old comrades of the Civil war by his affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic, in which he was a popular member of the post in the City of Sandusky. For twenty years prior to their removal to the home where he died, in Perkins Township, Mr. Rockwell and his wife had resided on a farm in Oxford Township, and for more than a quarter of a century he maintained his residence on his finely improved farm in Perkins Township, near the City of Sandusky, where his widow still resides. The domestic life of Mr. Rockwell was one of ideal order, and he found his chief pleasure and satisfaction in the associations of his home, with the companionship of his cultured wife. There can be no wish to lift the veil that guards the sanctuary of such a home but it is but consistent that this memorial tribute give certain data concerning the marriage of Mr. Rockwell and concerning the devoted wife who finds her chief consolation and compensation in the memories of their long and happy companionship, now that he has passed onward to "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns."

On the 2d of September, 1868, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Rockwell to Miss Ellen R. Bartow, who was born in Milan Township, this county, and who is a daughter of Allen and Ellen E. (Bronson) Bartow, the former of whom likewise was born and reared in this county and the latter of whom was born in Onondaga County, New York. Allen Bartow was a son of Jonah Bartow, who was a valiant soldier in the War of 1812 and whose father was a patriot soldier in the Continental Line in the War of the Revolution, so that Mrs. Rockwell is eligible for membership in the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Hannah (Allen) Bartow, wife of Jonah Bartow, was

a grand-niece of that historic revolutionary patriot, Ethan Allen. After his marriage, Allen Bartow continued his residence in Milan Township until the close of his life—a prosperous farmer, a liberal and public-spirited citizen, and an honored and influential representative of one of the prominent pioneer families of Erie County. Prior to his marriage he had resided for several years in Wood County. He was influential in public affairs of a local order and served for a number of terms in the office of township trustee. His political support was given to the republican party and his wife was a zealous member of the Universalist Church. He was sixty-eight years of age at the time of his demise, and his wife passed to eternal rest at the age of eighty years. Concerning their surviving children, the following brief record is given: Mrs. Rockwell is the eldest of the number; Allen A. is now a resident of the City of Seattle, Washington; Alice B. is the widow of John VonEmon and maintains her home in the beautiful City of Pasadena, California; and Winfield B. is a resident of Milan.

The mother of Mrs. Rockwell was a woman of gentle personality and of fine intellectuality. She had much literary ability, and through her admirable poetical writings achieved local fame, besides which her ability in this line gained to her further recognition, in that her name was consistently incorporated, with incidental biographical data, in a published volume entitled "The Poets of America." She received excellent educational advantages in her youth and continued throughout her beautiful life a deep and appreciative student of the best in literature, so that her influence was a veritable benediction resting upon all who came within its compass. Her father, James Bronson, was a local clergyman of the Universalist Church, and was one of its revered pioneer ministers in Wood County, this state, where he organized the Universalist Society and effected the erection of a modest church edifice in the Village of Eagleville.

Mrs. Rockwell has inherited much of the literary appreciation and ability of her revered mother, and is a woman of most distinctive culture. She acquired her early education in the schools of her native township, including the high school at Milan, where also she was a student in the normal school that was there maintained during her girlhood. She put her scholastic attainments to practical test when she was a young woman, by entering the pedagogic profession, as a representative of which she taught two terms in the schools of Milan Township. She is now president of the Ensign Union, a branch of the Erie County Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and is a member of the Twentieth Century Club, a representative literary and social organization in the City of Sandusky. She is a close student of the principles and precepts of Christian Science and is prominent in and attends the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in the City of Sandusky.

August Heminger. This publication exercises one of its most important functions in according specific recognition to so large a percentage of the representative agriculturists who are ably upholding the prestige of the noble art of husbandry in Erie County, and to such consideration Mr. Heminger is well entitled, for he is one of the substantial and progressive farmers and stock-growers of Perkins Township and is a loyal and public-spirited citizen who has secure place in popular confidence and good will. He has owned and operated his present well-improved farm in Perkins Township since 1895, and the place is eligibly situated in the vicinity of the Village of Bogart.

Of the staunchest of German lineage, Mr. Heminger claims the old Buckeye State as the place of his nativity, as he was born in Ottawa County, Ohio, on the 14th of October, 1855, a son of Frederick and

Catherine (Holt) Heminger. The parents were born and reared in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, where their marriage was solemnized and where their first two children were born. In 1850 they immigrated to America, the voyage having been made on one of the sailing vessels of the type common to that day, and soon after their arrival in the United States they came to Ohio and established their home on a pioneer farm near Oak Harbor, Ottawa County, where they passed the residue of their lives and where prosperity and independence crowned their earnest and industrious efforts, the father having passed away in 1888 and the mother having survived him by several years.

August Heminger, the immediate subject of this review, was reared to the sturdy discipline of the old home farm, and there gained in his youth an abiding appreciation of the dignity and value of honest toil and endeavor, the experience being such as to fortify him admirably for the duties and responsibilities that have devolved upon him in later years. His educational advantages were those afforded in the schools of his native county, where he continued his identification with agricultural pursuits until 1875, when, at the age of twenty years, he made his first sojourn in Erie County. Here he remained only a few months and then returned to Ottawa County, but the spring of the following year, 1876, found him again in Erie County, where he established his residence in the Village of Bogart. He had previously served a thorough apprenticeship to the trade of blacksmith, and after locating at Bogart he became a member of the firm of Siegel & Heminger, which there built up a prosperous blacksmithing business. With this line of enterprise he continued to be actively identified for a period of about twelve years after coming to Erie county, and he finally turned his attention once more to the great basic industry of agriculture, of which he has become one of the prominent and successful representatives in this county. In Perkins Township he is now the owner of a valuable and well-improved landed estate of 238 acres, his homestead place comprising fifty acres. He has achieved prosperity and commendable advancement entirely through his own ability and well-directed endeavors, and as a farmer and stock-grower he exemplifies the utmost progressiveness, the while he is signally loyal and public spirited in his civic attitude and his vital interest in the general welfare of the community shows that he fully appreciates the responsibilities which personal success imposes. He is a democrat, but in local affairs gives his support to the men and measures meeting the approval of his judgment, irrespective of strict partisan lines. He and his wife are zealous communicants of the Lutheran Church, and in their home community their circle of friends is limited only by that of their acquaintances.

At the age of twenty-six years Mr. Heminger took unto himself a wife, in the person of Miss Mary Boos, who was born and reared in Huron Township, this county, and whose father, the late George Boos, was one of the early settlers and honored citizens of that township, where he and his wife continued to reside until their death. Mr. and Mrs. Heminger have six children, namely: August, Jr., Amy, George, Carl, William and Elsie.

Henry E. Brown. Castalia has been the home of Mr. Brown and family since 1908. Though a native of Germany, the greater part of his active career has been spent in Northern Ohio, and he has exemplified many of those fine qualities which are commonly associated with the German people. He has been able to realize many of the substantial ambitions of his youth, and aside from what he has accumulated in a material way, it is a matter of satisfaction that his friends and neighbors have been always able to rely implicitly upon his absolute integrity and

his public-spirited co-operation with movements directed toward the public welfare.

A native of Hesse-Cassel, Germany, Henry E. Brown was born February 12, 1849, a son of Henry and Elizabeth Brown. His parents were respected and hard-working people of Hesse-Cassel. Up to his seventeenth year he lived in the old country, and then set out for America. A sailing vessel brought him to these shores from Bremen, and he was seven weeks on the voyage to New York City. He came on direct to Erie County, and for a number of years identified himself actively with farming, at first in the employ of others, and later for himself. For three years he operated a sawmill. Most of his farming enterprise was carried on in Sandusky County, in Townsend Township, and from there he moved to Castalia about eight years ago. While a boy in Germany he attended the public schools, and acquired some English education after coming to Erie County by attending the local schools as opportunity offered, for four winters.

On December 4, 1878, Mr. Brown married Eva L. German, a native of Erie County, born in Margaretta Township, December 10, 1856. Mrs. Brown is a member of a well-known family of Northern Ohio, a daughter of Henry and Lydia A. (Howe) German, the former a native of Steuben County and the latter of Otsego County, New York. The father of Henry German was a Massachusetts Yankee, and the original ancestors were Scotch and French. Henry German came to Margaretta Township when about eighteen years of age, from New York State, being in company with his widowed mother and with other members of the family who comprised in all thirteen individuals. They made settlement in Margaretta Township, where Henry German became one of the substantial farmers, and in his younger years was a sawmill man. He died in 1906. He was a republican in politics, and a man of more than ordinary judgment and knowledge. He had always been a great reader, and profited not only from books, but by his observation and dealing with men. Margaretta Township lost one of its most highly respected and substantial citizens in the death of Henry German. He was quiet and unassuming in disposition, had an even temper, but was always ready to work for anything that would help the homes and institutions of his locality. His wife died in 1898, in Townsend Township of Sandusky County. Henry German had a special reputation in Erie and Sandusky counties as an expert in fruit growing. For eleven years he served as superintendent for the Ed Marsh & Company at the gypsum plant at Plaster Bed, in Ottawa County, and not only had the supervision of the gypsum works, but also over the fruit farm conducted in connection therewith. This experience gave him his valuable and expert knowledge of fruit growing.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown are both attendants at the Congregational Church in Castalia, and take an active part in social affairs in that community. Mr. Brown is a republican in politics, and whenever mentioned his name suggests the qualities of honest worth and ability.

JOHN J. NEILL. The Neill farm out in Margaretta Township has for a number of years been known as one of the principal sources of the fine sheep that are produced by Erie County. While a practical farmer and stockman, John J. Neill has also identified himself closely with community life, has done a great deal to promote the interests of the local schools in his home township, and has been almost equally active in church affairs.

He belongs to the third generation of the Neill family in Erie County. The people of this name have always been extensive owners of land, and at different times their names have appeared in connection with impor-

tant local offices and always as friends and supporters of local institutions and general improvement and uplift. John J. Neill was born on the farm where he still lives in Margaretta Township, December 28, 1863, a son of William H. and Catherine (Sheldon) Neill. Thomas Neill, the grandfather, was a pioneer settler in Erie County, lived for a short time in Sandusky, but subsequently settled in Margaretta Township, where at one time he was the owner of more than 1,300 acres of land, one of the most extensive tracts under one ownership in the county. He spent his life actively and usefully in that township and died there. The Neill family is of Scotch-Irish extraction. The late William H. Neill, who was born in Maryland during the '20s, was brought to Erie County when a child, and was married here to Miss Sheldon, who was a native of Sandusky, her father having been one of the early commission merchants of that city and at one time the owner of Johnson's Island in Lake Erie. William H. Neill died in 1910, when in his eighty-fourth year. He grew up in Erie County, and gained a reputation for successful farming enterprise. He had served as trustee of Margaretta Township and was an active member of the Grace Episcopal Church in Sandusky. It was William H. Neill who laid the foundation for the sheep business which has long been associated with the name in Erie County. For many years he kept a flock of about 250 fine Merinos, and combined this with the management of a large farming estate. He was in politics a republican. His widow is still living, being now in her seventy-fifth year, and a woman whose life has been spent almost entirely in Erie County and with many interesting recollections of early days. The late William H. Neill was a man of good education, and long enjoyed the dignity and influence which go with successful accomplishment. He and his wife were the parents of four children: William S., of Margaretta Township; Sallie O., wife of A. H. Ransom, of Townsend Township, in Sandusky County; John J., of Margaretta Township; and Thomas, now deceased.

John J. Neill grew up on his father's farm, and when only a boy learned many of the details of agriculture and sheep husbandry. For his education he attended the public schools of his home township and at Castalia and also the Sandusky High School, and for one year was a student in the Ohio State University at Columbus. For a number of years he has spent time, money and exhaustive study on the problems connected with sheep husbandry. He is now regarded as one of the most successful breeders in Ohio of the Dickerson Delaine Merino sheep. His fine farm comprises 125 acres, and it has all the facilities for the successful handling of live stock.

On March 1, 1888, Mr. Neill married Harriet J. White, who was born in Groton Township of Erie County, a daughter of Ebenezer White, who in his time was a leading citizen of Groton Township. To their marriage were born a fine family of ten children: Ruth, who is a teacher of vocal music at Sandusky; Mildred; Thomas, who graduated from Oberlin College with the class of 1915; Catherine; Sallie, now deceased; Marion; Ellen, deceased; Sheldon W.; Harriet; and Owen C.

This sketch would not be complete without some reference to Mr. Neill's public services. For twenty years he was a member of the Board of Education of Margaretta Township and a portion of that time was president of the board. For five years he served as a director of the Erie County Infirmary. He is a republican in politics, though often voting and acting independently of party ties, and has always worked to promote the best ideals of local government and well-considered plans for community improvement. For many years he and his family have been members of the Congregational Church at Castalia,

and for six years he served as superintendent of the Sunday School of the church.

JOHN SCHONHARDT. Lying on the Venice Road, in Margaretta Township, is found the thirty-two-acre fruit farm belonging to John Schonhardt, one of the progressive and prosperous agriculturists of Erie County. Here are grown some of the finest grapes, apples and peaches in the state, for which Mr. Schonhardt always finds a ready market, for his years of honorable dealing and fidelity to engagements have won him an enviable reputation in business circles. He is a native of the Buckeye state, having been born at Tiffin, the county seat of Seneca County, December 8, 1856, and is a son of Anthony and Josephine Schonhardt, natives of Alsace-Lorraine.

Anthony Schonhardt was a young unmarried man at the time he came to the United States, making the voyage in a sailing vessel which required three months to cross the ocean. He came almost at once to Ohio, and among other places lived at Tiffin for a number of years, but in 1864 came to Erie County and located at Sandusky. This city continued to be his home during the remainder of his life, his death occurring during the '90s, when he was seventy-eight years of age. When he came to the United States Mr. Schonhardt was possessed of neither capital nor influential friends, but had a full share of energy, ambition and native ability and thrift, with which he labored so well that he was able to pass his declining years in the midst of most comfortable circumstances. In his political views a democrat, he was not a politician, but was a good and public-spirited citizen, nevertheless, and a friend of progress, education and morality.

John Schonhardt continued to be a resident of Tiffin, his native place, until reaching the age of eight years, at which time he accompanied his parents to Sandusky, and which city has continued to be his home practically ever since. For several years in his young manhood he followed the trade of brickmaker, and also for a short time was employed at boilermaking, but eventually turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he has continued to be engaged to the present time. He has all of his land under a high state of cultivation, and as before noted has specialized in the field of fruit-growing, having twenty acres in grapes, five acres in peaches and apples, and the balance of the land in general truck. He has made a success of every department of his operations, and is justly accounted one of the skilled farmers of his township. He is independent in his political views, endeavoring to support those men and measures which he believes will most greatly benefit his community and county, but all else being equal is inclined to favor democracy. Every progressive movement has his earnest and unselfish support, and it has been his fortune to have been associated with other progressive men in securing civic betterment.

On November 9, 1880, Mr. Schonhardt was married to Miss Sarah M. Mantey, of Margaretta Township, and of their children one survives. Eva D., who is the wife of George L. Curth, of Sandusky, bookkeeper for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of this city.

FOSTER F. NEILL. A long life and the enjoyment of the passing years which have been filled with honorable activities, a sense of patriotic duty performed during the most critical period in the nation's history, and a courageous performance of the everyday duties and responsibilities of life—such have been the salient characteristics in the career of this old and well known citizen of Margaretta Township. Foster F. Neill has lived in that community nearly all his life more

than three score years and ten, and his name is significant of all that is honest and of good report.

With Margaretta Township as his birthplace, he was born July 10, 1844, a son of Thomas and Rebecca Neill, the former a native of Philadelphia and the latter of Hagerstown, Maryland. For more than eighty years the Neill family have been identified with Erie County. It was established here about 1832 by Lewis Neill, grandfather of Foster Neill. Lewis Neill was a merchant in Philadelphia, and his ancestors were Scotch-Irish and were early settlers in America. The family on coming to Erie County made the journey in a covered wagon, and located in Sandusky for a short time, from which city Thomas Neill moved out to Margaretta Township and bought a large tract of land, containing several thousand acres, and situated partly in Erie and partly in Sandusky County. He was in many ways a typical pioneer, hardy, industrious, and well able to meet and solve the problems of existence in a sparsely settled district. He possessed an education better than most men of his times, and by his intensive operations as a farmer became well known in two counties. Of his children only two now survive: Foster F. and Ann, wife of Henry McCartney of Sandusky.

Foster F. Neill grew up on his father's homestead in Margaretta Township. The experience of his boyhood well fitted him for the career of a farmer, and he also secured a good training in the local schools. He has always had an interest in the farming activities of Margaretta Township, and his homestead comprises 195 acres of fertile and productive soil devoted to general farming purposes.

He was about seventeen years of age when he enlisted on July 14, 1861, in Company G of the One Hundred and Twenty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His army experience brought him into some of the most important campaigns during the first three years of the great conflict between the North and the South. His regiment was a part of the Eighth Corps of the army of Western Virginia. He fought at Winchester, Newmarket, Cedar Creek, second battle of Winchester, Piedmont and Berryville, Virginia. He was also present in numerous skirmishes and minor engagements, and was with the army two years ten months, at the end of which time he received an honorable discharge. At the battle of Berryville, Virginia, he lost two fingers from his right hand, and spent three months in a hospital. He was also captured and held in Confederate prisons, being thirty days confined in Belle Island in the James River and thirty-four days in the notorious Libby Prison at Richmond.

Following the war he returned to Erie County and has now continuously resided in Margaretta Township for fully half a century. On December 10, 1866, the young soldier and farmer was united in marriage bonds that have now endured for almost half a century with Martha Martin. Mrs. Neill was born in Margaretta Township, October 29, 1845, a daughter of Richard and Sallie (Tuller) Martin. Her parents were among the early settlers of Margaretta Township, and for several years had their home in one of the typical log cabins of that time. Mrs. Neill is one of the three children of her parents still living, the other two being: Rachel L., who lives in Paulding County, the widow of James Copeland; and Jacob, a farmer in Margaretta Township.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Neill were born six children: Grace, wife of R. Ransom of Margaretta Township; Foster F., Jr., now deceased; Mattie, wife of William J. Hire of Castalia; Maggie, deceased; Nelson P., of Margaretta Township; and Mabel, wife of Walter Hartness of Margaretta Township. Mr. and Mrs. Neill are members of the

Episcopal Church, and in politics he is a republican who has several times been called upon to assume the duties of public office. For several years he has served as township trustee and while not caring for the honors of politics has not avoided those obligations which rest upon good citizenship. Mrs. Neill has been his devoted companion and capable helpmate for nearly half of a century, and while in their retrospect they are able to consider many things for which they may be grateful they have gathered the best of the world's joys from their long continued association as man and wife.

JOHN J. LOUCKS. Throughout Erie County the name of Loucks signifies exceptional success and prosperity in the agricultural and fruit raising fields. The family is of old New York Dutch stock, but planted in Northern Ohio a great many years ago, and one of the present representatives, John J. Loucks, is a native of Erie County and has employed his well trained judgment and industry in developing a fine farming property and has likewise attended to the duties of citizenship as they have come to him.

His home farm, noted equally for its general crops and its fruit, comprises eighty acres situated on the Ridge Road near the east line of Berlin Township. It is high grade land, and its improvements show the enterprise of the owner. He and his family reside in a substantial house of nine rooms, while another improvement that calls for notice is a new hip-roof and basement barn on a ground foundation of 34x60 feet. As a fruit grower Mr. Loucks has 1,300 peach trees, with an apple orchard of two acres. He is not an experimenter in fruit growing, and long experience has brought him success in this typical Erie County industry. Mr. Loucks also owns 100 acres in Florence Township, nearly all of it under cultivation, except a wood lot of ten acres of native timber. On these two farms he grows all kinds of grain, and one of his sons is the practical manager of the Florence Township place. He bought his home farm eighteen years ago, and only recently acquired the land in Florence Township.

John J. Loucks was born in Vermilion Township of this county March 19, 1861, a son of Horace and Julia A. (Miller) Loucks, both of whom were natives of Erie County. The paternal grandparents were John and Betsey Loucks, natives of New York State and both of old Dutch stock. After their marriage they came to Ohio in the early days and made settlement in the wilderness of Vermilion Township, and there their industry resulted in the improvement of a considerable tract of land. Grandmother Loucks died there, and John Loucks later married again and he and his second wife spent their last years in Michigan.

After his marriage Horace Loucks continued as an Erie County farmer until 1875, then went out to Missouri, but in the following year returned east as far as Allen County, Indiana, and there the wife and mother died in 1893 when past sixty years of age. Horace Loucks afterwards returned to Ohio and spent his last years in the State Soldiers' Home, where his death occurred on October 14, 1912, when past eighty-two years of age. He had enlisted as a soldier during the Civil war, being enrolled in Company F of the One Hundredth and Twenty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Mead. He was assigned to duty as a guard for the rebel soldiers on Johnson's Island, near Sandusky, in Lake Erie, this island having been early secured by the Government as headquarters for Confederate prisoners. He was in the service until the close of the war, being mustered out at Camp Cleveland by Captain Douglas, the United States mustering officer, on July 13, 1865.

The third in a family of nine children, all of whom are still living

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and all married and with families, John J. Loucks grew up in his native township and while there attended the public schools. He lived in Vermilion until moving to Berlin Township and purchasing his present farm. On April 9, 1885, a little more than thirty years ago, he was married in Vermilion Township to Miss Carrie Brundage. She was born in Binghamton, New York, January 16, 1865. Her father, Giles Brundage, was born in 1840, probably at Joppa in Vermilion Township of Erie County. He was married at Berlin Heights December 18, 1861, to Miss Ellen Mason, who was born in Massachusetts December 24, 1841. When Ellen Mason was fifteen years of age she came to Berlin Township with her parents, Asa W. and Sallie (Rhoads) Mason, who were natives of Massachusetts and of New England ancestry. It was in the year 1856 that the Mason family removed to Ohio. During the Civil war period they and Mr. and Mrs. Brundage returned to New York, locating at Binghamton. While there Giles Brundage enlisted in the Civil war from Broome County, and served as a private until taken ill, and was then discharged on account of disability. Later he and his wife and her family moved out to Indiana, locating at Auburn, and while there Giles Brundage died in 1867, when in the prime of life, only twenty-seven years of age, his death following the illness contracted while a soldier. Soon after his death his widow and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mason, returned to Ohio and located in Vermilion Township, where Asa W. Mason and his wife both died February 11, 1885. They had been stricken with their final illness on the same day, and they were laid to rest in the same grave in Maple Grove Cemetery near Vermilion. Asa W. Mason was seventy-four and his wife seventy-five years of age. They were members of the Christian Church, and in politics he was a democrat. The widow of Giles Brundage was subsequently twice married, her second husband being Wilson Phelps, who lived only a few years, and she afterwards married John H. Baker, who died April 1, 1910. Mrs. Brundage died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Loucks, October 21, 1912, when seventy-two years of age. She had children by all three husbands. Mrs. Loucks is the second of a family of two children. Her brother, Hiram E. Brundage, is a farmer and fruit grower in Vermilion Township, and has a son, Elwin, who is married and has one daughter. Her sister Mattie married William Heslet of Sandusky and died in September, 1908, being survived by her husband and one son, Leon Arnold, who is a child by her first husband, Andrew Arnold. Mrs. Heslet was a half-sister of Mrs. Loucks, being the daughter of Wilson Phelps. Mrs. Loucks has a half-brother and half-sister by the marriage of her mother to John H. Baker. Henry S. Baker is married and lives at Ogontz in Berlin Township; and Anna married for her second husband Ray Gibson, now lives in Toledo, and has two children.

Mr. and Mrs. Loucks are the parents of three sons. Decourcy, twenty-eight years of age, is a farmer at home. Hiram, aged twenty-two, was educated in the township schools, and in May, 1915, married Alice Harris, and they now manage his father's farm in Florence Township. Karl, the youngest, is now sixteen, and is still attending school. Mr. Loucks and his two oldest sons are republicans in politics.

James Nolan. Probably no one citizen has had a more influential part in local affairs in Margaretta Township than James Nolan, a former trustee of the township and the proprietor of a fine fruit farm and rural home at Main and Lowell streets near Castalia. This has been his place of residence since 1910, but he has spent most of his life in Margaretta Township.

Born in that township, November 19, 1852, James Nolan is a son of John and Mary (Barrigan) Nolan, both of whom were natives of

Ireland, and came to Erie County and located in the vicinity of Castalia at a date early enough to permit them to be mentioned among the pioneers. John Nolan settled in Margaretta Township about 1847, and followed farming with a great deal of success. His first home in that community was a log house, and a number of years later he built a better and more modern frame residence. He died there in 1878. He and his family were members of the Holy Angels Catholic Church in Sandusky. Of the children born to him and wife three now survive. James, Mary, of Clyde, Ohio, and Michael J., of Castalia.

James Nolan spent all his early life in Margaretta Township, attended the public schools, and much of his education came from practical experience. From early youth to the present time he has been engaged in agriculture, and his efforts have more and more been directed to fruit growing, of which branch of business he is a past master. On October 15, 1878, Mr. Nolan married Lottie S. Chamberlin, who was born at Townsend Township, Sandusky County, Ohio, February 25, 1851. She was a daughter of Levi and Melissa (Button) Chamberlin. Her father was a native of New Jersey and her mother was born near Mentor, Ohio, but spent most of her early years at Castalia. Mrs. Nolan's mother was of Scotch ancestry, while the Chamberlins were an old New Jersey family. Her father on leaving New Jersey first located at Tiffin, Ohio, and later moved to Townsend Township in Sandusky County, where for many years he operated the well known Rockwell Springs Mill, a pioneer grist mill in that section of Ohio. He subsequently brought his family to Castalia, Ohio, and died there in 1876. Levi Chamberlin was three times married, and his surviving children are: Levi E., of Piqua, Ohio; Lottie S., wife of James Nolan; and Carrie J., widow of the late Charles Bardshar of Sedgwick County, Kansas, where his widow now resides.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan were born two children: Flossie C., of Castalia; and Myrtle C., deceased. Mr. Nolan has given a large share of his time and attention to public affairs in Margaretta Township. For six years he was township trustee, and part of that time was president of the board of trustees of Margaretta Township. For ten years he served as treasurer of the township and held the office of clerk for eight years. For a number of years he was a member of the board of education of Margaretta township, and through these offices as well as through his influence as a private citizen has done everything in his power to promote progress and social and civic uplift in his community. In a business way he is now giving his attention to fruit growing and particularly to the raising of peaches, though he has several other varieties of fruit on his farm. Mr. Nolan is a director in the Castalia Banking Company of Castalia, and his achievements and his personal character have entitled him to the full confidence of his fellow townsmen and a substantial position in the community.

Lawrence T. Miller. Among the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Erie County who have spent their entire lives in this section of the state, Lawrence T. Miller is worthy of more than passing mention. He was born on the farm where he now resides in Groton Township and from early youth has been an exceedingly busy man, with increasing interests as a farmer and is particularly well known to the community through his activities as a thresherman and in the operation of hay baling outfit.

It was on the farm that he now owns that he first saw the light of day, June 16, 1875, a son of William and Jane (Gross) Miller. His

father was born in Baden, Germany, and his mother in Pennsylvania, and both are now deceased. William Miller, who died in 1902 came from Germany in early youth, spent a great many years in Erie County, and though poor at the start gained a commendable place in the rank of local citizenship and in addition to his material prosperity was honored by such offices as trustee and treasurer of Groton Township. He was a democrat in politics. His first trade was that of carpenter, and after coming to Erie County he was employed in that occupation at Sandusky, where in order to supplement his early advantages he attended night school for a number of months. He finally removed to Groton Township, and settled on the farm where his son now resides. He was twice married, and his eight surviving children by his second marriage are: Mrs. Jacob Stricker, Mrs. Christian Stricker, Lawrence T., Clara, Flora, Lydia, Frank and Chancy. The three children by his first marriage are: William, Jr., Henry and Charles.

William Miller's home in Groton Township was a frame house, in which he spent his last years, and it has since been remodeled in 1913 and extensively improved and refurnished by Lawrence T. Miller, who has made of it one of the fine country homes of the township. Surrounding it is a fine farm of 194 acres, situated partly in Groton and partly in Oxford Township. Lawrence Miller has shown a great deal of enterprise since leaving school, and for a number of years has operated a threshing outfit and also performs an important service as a hay baler. His father likewise supplemented his farming activities by outside business, and not only was a thresherman in this community but also for a number of years carried on a considerable industry in preparing corn husks for use in the making of mattresses. Lawrence T. Miller received the ordinary advantages of the public schools and also attended for a time the Sandusky Business College.

In September, 1911, he married Miss Amanda Russell who was born in Groton Township, daughter of Philip Russell of that locality. To their marriage have been born two children: Lauretta A. J. and Delbert W. Mr. Miller is a member of the Evangelical Association with which faith his father was also identified. Lawrence T. Miller stands high among the young men of enterprise in Erie County and has earned the complete confidence and good will of his fellow townsmen.

Alvin T. Cowell. Eighty or ninety years ago Erie County was still largely wilderness. The settlers during the '20s and '30s found a few village communities, numerous clearings and tilled fields and some roads, but still had to confront the vast difficulties involved in clearing the forests, uprooting the stumps and brush, and starting cultivation where never before had been the civilized activities of white men. Such was the portion of the Cowell family when it first became identified with this county, and while the earlier generations performed their share of pioneer toil, so the later members of the family, including Alvin T. Cowell, have carried forward the same thrift and independence which have always characterized the name. Alvin T. Cowell has for many years lived in the Castalia community, is an honored veteran of the Civil war, and now that he has passed the age of three score and ten is in a position to take life somewhat at ease and enjoy the fruits of earlier years.

He was born at Castalia, Ohio, March 21, 1844, a son of Philip S. and Annie M. (Duncan) Cowell. His father was a native of Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and his mother of Burlington, Vermont. The Cowells are of Scotch origin, and one or more of the ancestral lines extend back in America to the time of the Mayflower. Annie Duncan

Cowell was about six years of age when she came to Ohio with the family of Burdette Wood, who subsequently became a banker at Bellevue, Ohio, where he died. She grew to womanhood in the home of an uncle at Bloomingville in Erie County, and was here at a time when the Indians were still numerous and occasionally hostile, and with other settlers she several times had to take refuge in a local fort as a matter of protection from the roving bands of red men. When she was about seventeen years of age she married Derastus P. Snow, who had lost his wife and child as a result of Indian attack at Castalia. After the death of Mr. Snow she was married in 1826 to Philip S. Cowell, who died in 1869. After that she lived in widowhood until her death in 1890, when in her ninety-fifth year. At that time she was probably the oldest of the pioneer women of Erie County, and was the last survivor of that group of early settlers who had to experience all the dangers and difficulties of the frontier. Philip S. Cowell, who was born in 1800, came from Pennsylvania to Castalia in 1818, when little more than a boy. He grew up a farmer, and spent many years in the arduous labor of clearing up a portion of the wilderness. He was a fine type of the early settler in Margaretta Township and was a man of more than ordinary influence in the life of that community.

Alvin T. Cowell was reared in Castalia, attended the public schools there, and was about seventeen years of age when the country was thrown into the confusion resulting from the outbreak of the Civil war. A few years later he responded to the call of his patriotism and enlisted on May 2, 1864, in Company I of the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Volunteer Infantry of Ohio. He was out about four months, and spent most of the time with his regiment in guard duty at Arlington Heights, just across the Potomac River from Washington. On receiving his honorable discharge he returned to Erie County, and subsequently had the advantage of a brief attendance at the Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana. With this preparation for practical life he became a farmer, and for many years conducted a large farm of more than 200 acres in the vicinity of Castalia. While a man who has been known for his strict attention to his business, he has at different times consented to serve in the public interest and for six years was a trustee of Margaretta Township. At the present time he is living in Castalia, and has all the conveniences and comforts he needs for the evening of life.

On February 28, 1910, Mr. Cowell was called upon to mourn the loss of his faithful companion who had shared with him in the joys and sorrows of existence for nearly forty years. On December 26, 1871, he married Catherine Cooper, who was born in Mount Vernon, Ohio, a daughter of Cyrus and Sarah (Mitchell) Cooper. Her father was for many years a resident of Knox County, Ohio, and came from there to Margaretta Township where he was a prosperous farmer, but finally sold his land and spent his declining years at Clyde, Ohio, but his body now rests in the cemetery at Castalia. Mr. and Mrs. Cowell became the parents of two children. Fannie A. is the wife of Rev. Charles J. Dole, who is pastor of the Congregational Church at Chelsea, Michigan. The only son, Philip C., is now deceased. Rev. Mr. Dole and wife have five children named Marie L., Catherine Irene, Alberta A., Edward C. and Charles R.

Mr. Cowell is an active member of Thomas Neill Post No. 423, G. A. R. at Castalia, has served as post commander several years and is now officer of the day. He is a charter member of Lodge No. 669 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Sandusky. His wife was a member of the Congregational Church at Castalia, while his own church membership is with the Methodist denomination at Castalia.

JOHN H. PARKER. A successful business man and public spirited citizen, Mr. Parker has been identified by residence with Erie County most of his life. He began his career as a worker, and there has been no abatement in his industry and well directed efforts since he reached manhood. The foundation of his property was laid as a farmer in Margaretta Township, and in this way he reached that enviable position where he is practically master of his circumstances. At the present time Mr. Parker is performing a valued service to the business community of Castalia as a dealer in grain, coal, flour, feed, lime, salt and farm fertilizers, and also has a mill for the manufacturing of chopped feed and cracked corn.

By the accident of birth Mr. Parker is a native of Sandusky County, where he was born October 14, 1859, a son of Jackson and Catherine (Schoch) Parker. His father was born in Union County, Pennsylvania, and the mother was a native of the same state. The Parker family is of English ancestry, and Grandfather Isaac Parker, who was born in Pennsylvania, was the son of a native Englishman. Isaac Parker came from Pennsylvania to Sandusky County, Ohio, when his son Jackson was fifteen years of age. They made the journey with wagons, and as they proceeded along the route they camped out by the roadside wherever night overtook them. Isaac Parker acquired a farm in Sandusky County and lived there until within a short time of his death. He died near Holt, Michigan. Jackson Parker, who died in Erie County in 1913, grew to manhood in Sandusky County, married there, and subsequently removed in March, 1860, when his son, John H., was six months old, to Margaretta Township. Of his children three are still living: John H.; George F., in Margaretta Township; and Ellen C., wife of William Neuman, of Sandusky.

While John H. Parker was growing up to manhood in Margaretta Township he attended the public schools and also the high school at Castalia. He chose for his first occupation the calling to which he had been trained from boyhood and continued to be active as a farmer until 1913. In that year he came to Castalia and engaged in the business above mentioned.

On March 23, 1887, he married Etta L. Graves, who was born in Margaretta Township, a daughter of the late Lucius Graves. To their marriage were born five children: Emily C., wife of Franz Arend, living in Toledo, Ohio; Clinton J., of Groton Township; Lucius G., Norma and John L., all of whom reside in Castalia.

Mr. Parker has never neglected his responsibilities as a citizen of the community, and for seven years served as trustee of Margaretta Township, part of the time being president of the board. A few years ago he was candidate for county commissioner. He is now member of the school board of the township and serving as its president, and was chairman of the Soldiers' Monument Commission which erected the monument to the memory of the soldiers who enlisted from Margaretta Township in the Union army. This memorial shaft stands in the Castalia Cemetery. Mr. Parker is a republican in politics, and his activities and influence have made him well known. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, is affiliated with Lodge No. 285 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Sandusky and is a charter member of the tent at Castalia of the Knights of the Maccabees. His material accumulations are measured by the possession of a well improved farm of 160 acres in Margaretta Township and for several years he has been a director in the Castalia Banking Company. That he enjoys the good will and confidence of his fellow townsmen goes without saying.

Eddie M. Cobb. It is a fine testimonial to the steadfast qualities of a family which for generation after generation continue to own and occupy one homestead and to live in one community. The Cobb family in Berlin Township have for almost a century owned one tract of land close to Berlin Heights and the history of that community would not be complete without some extended reference to the members of the different generations. Eddie M. Cobb, who belongs to the third generation in Erie County, is a general farmer and fruit grower, has an interest in the old homestead and also owns and occupies land within the corporate limits of Berlin Heights.

His grandparents were Ralph and Hannah Cobb, both natives of Connecticut, in which state they grew up. About 1818 or 1819 they came to Ohio, traveling by the usual method of that day, ox teams and wagons. For a considerable portion of the distance they had to be guided by blazed trails through the woods. They finally reached Eldridge Township, as Berlin Township was then known, and at the end of a long and wearisome journey finally became established on a tract of seventy or ninety acres covered by the densest and heaviest of timber. There Ralph Cobb put up a log cabin, and cut out his first plat for farming purposes. In that clearing he set out some fruit trees which he had brought along, and one of those old apple trees is still standing. There he and his wife gradually surrounded themselves with increased comforts, and the old log cabin gave way to a frame house. They lived there and reared their family, and the farm is now just outside the Village of Berlin Heights. In 1850, while making a trip to a mill, the nearest institution of that kind then being nine miles distant at Wakeman, and while driving through the Wakeman Woods, his team became frightened and ran away and Ralph Cobb was thrown out and killed. He was found lying against a log. He was born before the close of the eighteenth century, and was already past middle age at the time of his death. His widow survived him and attained the remarkable age of nearly a century, having been about ninety-eight when she passed away. They were members of the Baptist Church, and in politics he supported the whig party during the greater part of his life. Of their large family nearly all grew up and married and had families of their own, but all the children are now deceased. The old homestead has been kept in the family name, and is now owned by Ralph Cobb's grandchildren, Eddie M. Cobb and his two sisters.

Henry Sanford Cobb, one of the children of Ralph Cobb, and the youngest in order of birth, was born in the original log house on the old farm, and that was also the birthplace of the other children. After the death of his father in 1850 he bought out the interests of the other heirs in the farm, and continued to care for his widowed mother until a few years before her death, after which she lived in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Phillips, at Berlin Heights. Henry S. Cobb made his home on the old farm, at that time containing seventy-two acres, until his death in January, 1914. He was then eighty years of age. He had constructed the first frame house on the old place, and when that was burned about fifty years ago, he replaced it with another substantial dwelling of nine rooms, and that is still standing and occupied by his grandson, a son of Eddie M. Cobb. Henry S. Cobb was a republican in politics; during the war, owing to his responsibilities as the father of several young children, he hired a substitute for the army. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and for a number of years before his death was regarded as the chief supporter of this church in this community. He is buried at the old Baptist Church Cemetery, and at the same locality are buried his wife and two of the children, Edwin, who

died in infancy, and La Von, who died at the age of twenty. Henry S. Cobb was married in Berlin Township to Isabel Wiggins, who was born either in Connecticut or Long Island, New York. She came to Ohio when a young woman with her parents and was married a few years later. She died about twelve years ago when sixty-five years of age. She was also a member of the Baptist Church. Surviving her were four children. All these were born on the old homestead. The oldest, Ralph, now lives in California and has one daughter. Eddie M. has two sisters, Lenora and Josephine, both of whom are unmarried and lived at home and cared for their father until his death, and have since been members of the Missionary Society at Findlay, Ohio, both being devout Methodists.

Eddie M. Cobb was born on the old homestead June 12, 1865, and grew up there and in addition to his education in the Berlin High School attended a business college at Champaign, Illinois. Subsequently he took charge of his father's farm, and he and his two sisters still own that place. In addition he has 24¾ acres in the corporation limits of Berlin Heights, and has developed that largely as a fruit farm. It was also improved with a substantial home and barns and other buildings.

Mr. Cobb was married in Berlin Township to Miss Minnie Daniels, a native of Michigan, but reared and educated in Berlin Township, to which locality she came with her parents, Titus and Jennie Daniels. Some years later the Daniels family removed to St. Louis, Missouri, where Mrs. Cobb's mother died, but where her father is still in active business and is the owner of considerable property.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cobb were born the following children: Ralph C., who occupies the old homestead already described, married Lydia Hast, and they have a son, Edwin; Anna May is the wife of Earl McNeil, who is assistant cashier of the Gas Company at Lorain, Ohio, and they have a daughter, Dorothy; Edith C., who is a graduate of the Berlin Heights High School and of the Oberlin Business College, is a stenographer in Oberlin, Ohio; Edwin S., now a student of agriculture in the state university at Columbus; Esther G., a graduate of the Berlin Heights High School in 1915 and now engaged in teaching; Helen, who is a member of the class of 1917 of the Berlin Heights High School. Mr. and Mrs. Cobb and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has for several years given considerable attention to his duties as a member of the school board, and in politics is a republican.

Seth E. Bardwell. There is, perhaps, no class of workers whose labor is more important to the general community than that of the farmer, for upon him we depend for our daily bread, the first of life's necessities. There was a time when the farmer was regarded by many people as a rude, illiterate sort of person, whose work consisted mainly of hard manual labor, and who had little or no opportunity for acquiring anything but the barest rudiments of an education, or for cultivating the higher part of his nature. But all that has passed away. The advent of the railroad, telegraph and telephone, with the introduction of improved farm machinery, the development of the public school system, and the establishment of colleges and other educational institutions all over our land have effected a wonderful change, so that today, almost wherever we go, we find the farmer a thoroughly up-to date individual, with a good public school, often college, education, a subscriber to one or more daily or weekly journals, conversant with the news of the day and able to express an intelligent opinion on many topics aside from

those connected with his daily avocation. In probably no state of the Union has the agricultural class attained a higher standard than in Ohio, and to this Erie County is no exception. A typical example of the class to which he belongs is Seth E. Bardwell, of Margaretta Township, this county, a progressive agriculturist who has attained prosperity through his own efforts and who holds a high place in the estimation of his fellow citizens. Mr. Bardwell is a native of this county, having been born in Groton Township, December 6, 1844. His parents were Seth and Louise (White) Bardwell, both natives of Massachusetts. The Bardwell family is of French origin and its genealogy can be traced back in that country some 900 years, the records showing that the ancient form of the name was "De Berdewell." Some of its members seem to have taken up their residence in England, perhaps at the time of the Norman conquest in 1066, for in the line of descent leading to the subject of this sketch we find living there, generations ago, a Sir William Bardwell, who possessed a coat of arms and was a person of some distinction. The first of the family to come to this country settled in New England, probably in Massachusetts, from which state, in 1833, came Seth Bardwell, father of Seth E. He was accompanied by his family and settled first in Margaretta Township, Erie County, Ohio. After a short residence in this township, however, he removed to Groton Township, taking up a location in the woods, the country at that time being thickly timbered. Here he built a log house and set to work to clear a farm. An industrious man, he worked hard to improve his surroundings, and in due time his labors bore fruit. The log house was replaced by a neat frame structure, which was among the first of that kind to be built in the township, which fact alone shows his progressive spirit. He was a leader among the early settlers, serving as township trustee, and was a prominent member of the Universalist Church. His death took place in March, 1863, after he had been a resident of the township for about thirty years. Of his large family of children the following now survive: Sophia, wife of James McClarra, residing in Illinois; Mary, who is the widow of B. H. Rogers, formerly of Margaretta Township, and now resides in Akron, Ohio; Seth E., whose name appears at the head of this article; Alma L., widow of Horace V. Ramsdell, late of Bloomingville, Ohio, where she is now living; and Charles F., also a resident of Bloomingville.

Seth E. Bardwell was reared on his parents' farm in Groton Township, this county, acquiring his education in its public schools and in a school at Bellevue, Ohio, which he attended for a short time. In May, 1864, being then under twenty years of age, he enlisted in the service of the United States for 100 days, during which time, or a little longer, he did guard duty at Arlington Heights, Washington, District of Columbia. After receiving an honorable discharge he returned home to Groton Township, where he engaged in agriculture, remaining there until 1891. He then removed to Margaretta Township and has here continued his farming operations up to the present time, owning a good farm of 200 acres, with substantial and convenient buildings, located on Maple Avenue. A progressive and public spirited citizen, he has served on the board of education, and enjoys the confidence and good will of his neighbors and fellow townsmen. He is a member of the Grand Army Post at Castalia, in which he now holds the office of quartermaster, having formerly served as commander.

Mr. Bardwell first married Celesta M. Thompson of Groton Township, a daughter of William and Hannah Thompson, who came to that locality from Pennsylvania. Of this first union three children were born, all of whom are now living, namely: Ethel B., wife of O. S. Alcott, of

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Sandusky, Ohio; Seth A., a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, and Alvah E., also residing in Cleveland. Mr. Bardwell married, secondly, Rebecca Neill, who is his present wife. She was born in Margaretta Township, this county, the daughter of Lewis and Gennesaret (Gaw) Neill, her father being a native of Maryland and her mother of Sandusky, Ohio. Although born in Maryland, Lewis Neill was reared in Margaretta Township, where he died a few years ago. His wife survived him and is still living, being now in her seventy-seventh year—an interesting old lady whose recollections extend back to pioneer days in this locality. Their children are as follows: Isabel, wife of H. A. Winters, of Sandusky, Ohio; Rebecca, wife of Seth E. Bardwell; Anna, who married F. W. DeYo and resides with her husband in Margaretta Township; and Lewis, Charles and Scott B., who all reside in Sandusky, Ohio. Mr. Bardwell is one of the best known and most highly esteemed residents of Margaretta Township, where he has now resided for twenty-four years. His industry, perseverance and integrity have brought their reward, and now, in the sunset of life, he finds himself in comfortable circumstances, honored by his fellow men, and with children who are a blessing to his declining years.

Rev. Samuel Marks, D. D. Impotent are mere words and appreciative phraseology of sentiment to pay just tribute to the theory of such a man as the late and revered citizen and pioneer whose name initiates this paragraph and who served for more than forty years as rector of Christ Church, Protestant Episcopal, at Huron, one of the attractive little cities of Erie County. He was a man of the highest intellectuality and broadest mental ken, his life was one of signal consecration to the work of the Divine Master and to the aiding and uplifting of his fellow men. His character was the positive expression of a strong, loyal and noble nature; charity, tolerance and deep human sympathy remained with him as constant guests; he was ever mindful of those "in any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body or estate"; he remembered those who were forgotten; he fought the good fight and kept the faith; his gentleness of spirit blossomed through in kindly words and kindly deeds—in short, his life was an inspiration and an incarnate beatitude. Of all those who have lived and labored in Erie County, there has been none whose achievement has been more fruitful and benignant, none whose memory shall be held in higher or more enduring affection and honor than this gentle shepherd, this faithful friend, this great and noble soul. Doctor Marks was one of the pioneer clergymen of the Episcopal Church in Northern Ohio, and now that he has passed forward to his reward and entered into the life eternal, his influence continues in ever widening angle of beneficence in the community in which he long lived and labored, while to the older generation, with whom he came in personal contact, there remains consolation and compensation in the memory of his beautiful life and of the privilege which was theirs to know and touch the same. Doctor Marks entered into eternal rest on the 28th of February, 1882, and well it may be said that "his works do follow him." He was a valiant soldier in the War of 1812, and was afterwards a pensioner.

On the Sunday after the death of Rev. Samuel Marks there was delivered in the church of which he had so long been the revered rector, a sermon that drew inspiring lessons from his life, the same having been given by a younger and valued friend of the deceased, the Rev. Marcus Alden Tolman, rector of St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania. The necessarily prescribed limitations of a sketch of this order do not permit more than the briefest of quotations from this sermon of tribute, but the following words therefrom may properly be perpetuated in this connection: "The memory of the Rev. Samuel Marks is intertwined

with all of the interests and with all of the history of this community. I need not even mention his many virtues, nor speak of those remarkable traits of character which combined to make him so tenderly loved while living and so widely and sincerely mourned at death; for they were known to you all, and for many years you were permitted to see them shine through the outward acts of a noble Christian life. * * * Oh, the blessedness of having such a man for a pastor! What rich and abundant fruit should follow these forty years of such careful and such prayerful culture! What a grand harvest of souls should be gathered from this ground first broken by such saintly hands! Weep not that he is gone, but rather rejoice that he was permitted to remain so long! Long will the loving memory of such a spiritual father be cherished in this parish, and long, being dead, he will continue to speak."

It is known that Doctor Marks was a scion of an old and patrician family of Irish lineage and of Protestant faith, one that in Ireland was prominently identified with the Established Church of England, but no definite data concerning the family record are available. Dr. Marks was born at Marktown, Ireland, on the 19th of November, 1797, and thus was nearly eighty-five years of age at the time of his death. From a memoir published in the year 1901 are taken, with slight elimination and paraphrase, the following extracts:

"It is now eighteen years since the village of Huron said farewell to the grandest character that has ever made this town a permanent abiding place. And these long years have only added luster to the name of Samuel Marks, who came to this place away back in the early days of its history and to whose genius and eloquence Huron owes lasting homage. Mr. Marks came of that class of highly cultured Irish stock that has made the Irish people famous. His early education was plain but correct; his early teachings were calculated to develop strength of character and self-reliance. At an early age he turned his eyes and hopes toward America, and at the first good opportunity he crossed the great ocean and landed in New York. Here he found a wide field for his genius and took up the ministry of God. In Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, he received the orders of the deaconate of the Protestant Episcopal Church on the 14th of May, 1824, at the hands of Bishop White, and on the 11th of May of the following year Bishop White conferred upon him ordination to the priesthood, in St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia. He began his missionary work in Northern Pennsylvania, then a remote and sparsely settled portion of the Keystone State, and there he continued his labors for a number of years. He continued his zealous services in Pennsylvania until he was called to the Diocese of Michigan, of which the Rt. Rev. Samuel McCoskry was bishop. There he worked faithfully and cheerfully, as one of the pioneer clergymen of his church in Michigan Territory until he accepted the call extended by the parish at Huron, Ohio, his official assumption of the position of rector of Christ Church having taken place in 1839, though the records of the parish show that he had here conducted the first services for the little congregation in the spring of 1837, this service having been conducted in a house at the corner of South and Ohio streets. The formal call for him to assume the pastoral charge of the parish was given April 11, 1839, and the present seemly and dignified church edifice was completed in the following year. In 1846 Dr. Marks became rector of a church at Racine, Wisconsin, but in 1849 he returned to Huron, where he continued his faithful services until the close of his long and useful life, his pastorate having thus covered a period of forty years. He was not only the spiritual guide and devoted friend of his own flock but was also the wise and valued counselor of all the people of this place and the surrounding country. He was noted for his wit and humor, his

high scholarship, his splendid oratorical powers, his unfailing sympathy and kindliness and his abiding love for "all sorts and conditions of men." Dr. Marks vitalized both the spiritual and temporal activities of his parish and was a loved and commanding figure in the communal life in general. He was beloved by all the people and when he died his church considered his loss almost irreparable. On the 2d of March, 1882, his funeral services were held at Christ Church, amidst the greatest outpouring of mourners that ever attended a funeral in Huron. Eight clergymen of the Episcopal Church assisted in the impressive obsequies, as did also Erie Commandery of Knights Templars, of Sandusky; Science Lodge, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, of the same city; and Marks Lodge, of Huron, which Masonic body was named in honor of Dr. Marks, who had served as its chaplain from the time of its organization until his death. No man ever knew him that did not respect this man, the most illustrious character, the highest, noblest and most beloved of all citizens ever claimed by Huron." The Masonic order has erected a monument to his memory.

The subject of this memoir received the degree of Doctor of Divinity in recognition of his long and fruitful service and his high intellectual attainments. He continued a close and appreciative student till the close of his life and his reading covered the broadest field of standard literature, the while he always kept in close touch with the questions and issues of the day and was known for his civic loyalty and liberality. The doctor accumulated a specially large and valuable private library, both ecclesiastical and general, and prior to his death he had divided the same among a number of Episcopal parishes in Ohio, the larger and more select portion having been given to the church at Gambier, where is situtated the venerable and historic church institution known as Kenyon College. In making this splendid bequest to various parishes Doctor Marks was greatly assisted by Bishop McElvaney, of the Diocese of Cleveland, in which the Huron parish is included.

Doctor Marks was twice wedded. In Pennsylvania, as a young man, he married Miss Anna Bostwick, who died within a comparatively short time after their home had been established at Huron and who was in middle life at the time of her demise. She was survived by three children, William, Eliza and Charles, but the two last mentioned died when young. William passed the closing years of his life in the City of Toledo, where he had married a widow with one child, no children of his own having survived him.

At Milan, this county, on the 28th of March, 1842, was solemnized the marriage of Doctor Marks to Miss Emmeline Minuse, who was born in New York City, on the 3d of March, 1802, and who was a representative of fine old Holland Dutch stock in the Empire State, she having been a young woman when she accompanied her parents on their removal to Erie County, Ohio, where the family home was established at Milan. She was graduated in a female seminary at Jamaica, Long Island, when eighteen years of age, and she was a woman of high ideals, admirable mental powers, deepest Christian devotion and zeal and unvarying sympathy and kindliness. She proved to her distinguished husband a true helpmeet, and in the community that was long her home her memory is held in reverent affection by those who came within the sphere of her gracious and gentle influence. She did not long survive the shock and bereavement of her husband's death, and was summoned to eternal rest on the 4th of July, 1884, at the old homestead on Williams Street in Huron. Doctor and Mrs. Marks had no children, but all children were the objects of their tender affection and solicitude.

Mrs. Marks was a daughter of George and Mary (Craig) Minuse, the former of whom were born in New York City and the latter in the

City of Philadelphia, their respective dates of nativity having been June 20, 1771, and February 15, 1780. Their marriage was solemnized in New York City, and concerning their children the following brief data are entered: George, Jr., who was born October 3, 1800, died young; Emmeline, Mrs. Marks, was the next in order of birth; Alfred was born December 10, 1804, married and was survived by a number of children; Horatio, who was born June 26, 1807, is more specifically mentioned in a following paragraph; Mary B., who was born January 8, 1810, became the wife of Alexander McClure and after his death she resided in Huron for thirty-eight years, her death having occurred when she was eighty-five years of age, in the old Marks homestead on Williams street; she had no children; Elizabeth, who was born February 17, 1812, died when a young woman; and Stephen, who was born August 27, 1814, died at the age of twenty-eight years.

Horatio Minuse was a youth at the time of the family immigration to Erie County, and his father became one of the early pioneer settlers in what is now Milan Township, where a farm was reclaimed by him from the forest wilds. Horatio was reared to maturity under the conditions and influences of the pioneer epoch and as a young man he went to Green Bay, Wisconsin, as a pioneer in a section that was then wild and very sparsely settled. In that state, on the 2d of March, 1834, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Lucy A. Conroe, who was born in Vermont, on the 26th of September, 1811, her parents having been pioneers, first in Ohio and later in Wisconsin, the closing years of their lives having been passed at Green Bay. Horatio Minuse and his wife finally returned to Ohio and after living a few years on a farm near Groton, Erie County, they settled in Milan Township, Mr. Minuse having become not only one of the substantial farmers of the county but also having early become interested in the enterprise of boat-building, with which he continued to be identified several years. He died at his home in the Village of Milan, on the 25th of December, 1872, and his widow passed away December 20, 1874, both having been devout communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church and Mr. Minuse having been a stalwart in the camp of the republican party. They were persons of strong and upright character and commanded the unqualified esteem of all who knew them. In the following paragraph is given succinct record concerning their children:

George, who was born at Green Bay, Wisconsin, December 11, 1834, married but had no children, his death having occurred May 12, 1876; Mary R., born at Green Bay, July 1, 1836, is the widow of LeGrand Saunders and she now resides in the home of her daughter in Marion County, Oregon; Horatio, Jr., who was born at Groton, Erie County, Ohio, June 3, 1838, was formerly engaged in the livery business at Milan, this county, where he is now living retired, his only child being a daughter; Emmeline was born at Groton, April 11, 1840, is the widow of George A. Budd, who died at Huron, where she and her daughter, Emmeline Margaretta, and her sister Lucy continue their residence, her son Jay being a resident of the City of Cleveland and her daughter Mary Craig being the wife of Charles Skinner of Cincinnati, a younger daughter, Lucy L., being the wife of Edwin J. Howard, an attorney of that city; the next is Dr. G. A. Budd of Frankfort, Kentucky, and the youngest child was Sallie Packer, who died aged six years. Miss Lucy Minuse was born in Groton, this county, on the 5th of December, 1843, and is a resident of Huron, as already noted; Eliza Marks, the next in order of birth, was born November 16, 1845, at Groton, and her death occurred September 26, 1858; John C., who was born in the City of Sandusky, in November, 1847, died unmarried when a young man; Jennie Lind,

the youngest of the children, was born April 24, 1853, is the wife of Edward E. Gaudern, of Elyria, this state, and they have three daughters.

It is most pleasing to record that the fine old homestead that was for so many years the abiding place of Rev. Samuel Marks passed to the ownership of his niece, Miss Lucy Minuse, who cherishes his memory and that of his devoted wife with a truly filial sentiment and who carefully safeguards the gracious memories and hallowed associations of the old home place. Like her sisters and brothers, Miss Minuse received excellent educational advantages in her youth, and all have held to the faith of the Episcopal Church, in which she is a devout communicant of Christ Church and an active worker in the parish of which her uncle was long the rector. After the death of her parents Miss Minuse resided for some time in the home of her sister Emmeline, Mrs. Budd, at Elyria, and thereafter she was with her aunt, Mrs. Marks, at Huron until 1886, after which she was in the home of another aunt, Mrs. Mary B. McClure, in this place. Through inheritance and devisement by wills Miss Minuse has come into the possession of a comfortable fortune, and in 1906 she purchased her present fine home, which is one of the most beautiful and modern in the city of Huron, the same being eligibly situated on Center Street. Her sister, Mrs. Budd, has resided with her many years, and both are gracious gentlewomen who are prominent in the social activities of the community and whose circle of friends is limited only by that of their acquaintances.

Harry J. Schwinn. In this era of "big business," when nearly all successful manufacturing concerns are, and have to be, operated on a large scale, he who can hold a responsible position with such a concern must be a man of intelligence, industry and thoroughly reliable character. Such a man is Harry J. Schwinn, foreman of the blacksmithing department, and caretaker of the locomotives of the boiler department of the Castalia Portland Cement Company, at Castalia, Ohio, who has been connected with this flourishing concern for the past sixteen years. Mr. Schwinn was born in the busy manufacturing city of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, November 15, 1868, a son of Adam J. and Catherine (Foley) Schwinn. The father was a native of Allegheny of German extraction and the mother was born in Hamilton, Ontario.

Harry J. Schwinn resided in Allegheny until he was ten years old, at which time he accompanied his parents to Franklin, Pennsylvania, where they subsequently died. After a two years' residence there, he came, in 1880, to Erie County, Ohio, settling in Sandusky, where he learned the trade of boiler-maker and blacksmith, which he followed in Sandusky for a number of years. In 1899 he came to Castalia and entered the employ of the Castalia Portland Cement Company as a blacksmith. The concern was then in its infancy, but the business gradually increased, the plant was enlarged from time to time, and Mr. Schwinn's faithful service received merited recognition. A thorough master of his trade, he has justified the confidence of his employers and his department is conducted with the highest degree of efficiency. In politics Mr. Schwinn is a republican and, as a good citizen, he takes a commendable interest in local affairs, supporting the cause of good government and doing whatever he can to advance the moral and material welfare of the community. He is fraternally affiliated with Spring Tent, K. O. T. M., at Castalia, the Loyal Order of Moose, at Sandusky, and the Knights of Pythias, at Sandusky.

Harry J. Schwinn was united in marriage with Effa Smiley, of Franklin, Pennsylvania, of which place she is a native. Her parents were Joseph M. and Adaline (McFate) Smiley, her father, now deceased, being a native of Franklin, where the Smiley family settled at

an early date. Mrs. Schwinn's mother was born in Sunnville, Pennsylvania, and comes of Revolutionary ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Schwinn are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They have six children—Morris H., Catherine A., Reed E., Ruth Irene, Allen H. and Marian G.

Capt. Jonathan F. Harrington. The career of a dutiful, honorable and upright man, a gallant soldier, a thorough and diligent agriculturist and a useful, intelligent and patriotic citizen, is illustrated in the enviable life record of Captain Harrington, one of the old and honored residents of Groton Township. He has not only performed his own part in life well, but belongs to a family which in many intimate and useful ways has been identified with Erie County since the beginning of settlement in this section of Northern Ohio. In fact, the Harringtons are among the very oldest families of the county, having been represented in local citizenship for considerably more than a century. Its early members braved the hardships and privations of the wild unbroken district in the early years of the nineteenth century, and in all the generations those of the name have been looked upon as men and women of industry and honorable dealings who have contributed in large degree to the development and growth of their communities.

The birth of Capt. Jonathan F. Harrington occurred on a farm in Groton Township January 3, 1835. His parents were Ralph and Anna (Paxton) Harrington, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Kentucky. Ralph Harrington was a son of Seth Harrington, who was born in Rhode Island, and owing to his service as a captain of militia in early days of Ohio was long familiarly known as Capt. Seth Harrington. Captain Seth brought his family in 1812 to what is now Erie County, Ohio. His settlement was on the banks of Pipe Creek in Groton Township. His simple home was in the midst of the wilderness and one of the chief sources of livelihood came from the wild game found in abundance all over the country. The life of the family in the early days was similar to that of other pioneers. Only the barest of necessities were obtainable, and the comforts and conveniences were not to be thought of. The Harringtons were typical of the sturdy, rugged and cheerful pioneers, who continued their labors forward to better circumstances, so that succeeding generations have profited from their sacrifices and hardships. Capt. Seth Harrington died in Groton Township when he was past eighty years of age. Ralph Harrington was only about five years of age when brought with other members of the family from Rhode Island to Erie County. They made that long and tedious journey by wagon and team and camped out along the roadside as night overtook them. A century ago Indians were almost as numerous in Northern Ohio as white settlers, and not infrequently they caused considerable trouble and anxiety to the pioneers, who, when threatened by an Indian incursion would gather together under the protection of an improvised fort or blockhouse. Ralph Harrington, like his father, was a man of industry and high standing in the community. His death was a serious loss to the township and was the more lamentable owing to the fact that he was killed accidentally. One day while the Civil war was being fought he rode a young colt to the Seven Mile House postoffice, called for his mail, and in attempting to mount his horse was unable to overcome its resistance and temper and was kicked to death. He was familiarly known as Squire Harrington, having served as a justice of the peace in Groton Township, and had also filled the office of trustee. During the battle fought by Commodore Perry with the English, he was asleep on a large stone, which still lies along the highway about a mile south of the Harrington home, and when he awoke is said to have remarked: I heard someone singing. He was but

a child then, and he slumbered on the stone while other members of the family were gathering hay.

Capt. Jonathan F. Harrington grew up in a time when Erie County was still partly in a pioneer condition. He was reared on the home farm, and secured his educational training in some of the early schoolhouses familiarly known only to the oldest residents now living. After getting the advantages offiered by the schools in Groton Township he also spent one year attending school at Detroit, Michigan. Since early youth he has been studious, and few citizens of Groton Township have read more widely and have kept themselves better informed on all subjects of current interest. His vocation since early manhood has been that of farming, and soon after getting started in that vocation he went away to fight the battles of the Union. Captain Harrington enlisted in May, 1861, in Company A, of the Seventy-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and his first duty was in recruiting the company for that regiment, and after getting its quota mustered in he took his place in the ranks as a private soldier. A year later he was made second lieutenant, and later promoted to first lieutenant, and during the last two years of his service was captain of the company. He continued in the war four years until his honorable discharge in September, 1865. Captain Harrington saw much of the arduous service in the Western armies, fought in the great battle of Shiloh, participated in the siege of Corinth and also in the campaign ending in the fall of Vicksburg. At the close of the war his regiment was stationed at Memphis, Tennessee, and after getting his honorable discharge he returned home to Groton Township and was soon applying himself with characteristic vigor to his business as a farmer.

On January 1, 1868, Captain Harrington married Miss Sarah E. McKesson, who also represents some of the pioneer stock of Erie County. Mrs. Harrington was born in Margaretta Township of Erie County, a daughter of James C. and Marietta (Prout) McKesson. Her father was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and her mother was a native of Oneida County, New York. Mrs. Harrington's great-great-grandfather, Rev. John McKesson, was one of the pioneer clergymen and missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in America, and had received his education in the University of Edinburg, Scotland. The McKessons were among the very early settlers of Margaretta Township, and Mrs. Harrington's maternal ancestors, the Prouts, were equally early in their settlement in Oxford Township. Through her mother Mrs. Harrington is a great-granddaughter of two Revolutionary soldiers, whose names were Prout and Holt. Captain Harrington and wife became the parents of one daughter, Anna Marietta, now the widow of Joseph Goebes, who during his life followed farming in Groton Township. Mrs. Goebes has a daughter, Florence M., who was born June 23, 1909.

In a public capacity Captain Harrington has served his home community several times as township trustee, also as clerk of the township, and has been a stanch republican since the beginning of that party, having come of age just about the time the first republican campaign was being waged in 1856. As a farmer he owns a highly improved and valuable place of 155 acres, devoted to general agricultural lines, and he has for many years represented the best ideals of country life. He is now vice president of the Erie County Agricultural Society, an office he has filled for a number of years, and has likewise held the post of director in that organization. The family are well known socially throughout the township and county. Captain Harrington is also a member of the Union Veterans Corps, which formerly had its headquarters at Clyde, Ohio.

Daniel D. White. There are in every community men of great force of character who by reason of their capacity for leadership become recognized as foremost citizens and bear a most important part in public affairs. Such has been the creditable position in the Castalia community of Daniel D. White, who for many years was a progressive farmer in Groton Township, has frequently been honored with those positions which denote community esteem and for the past ten years has been cashier of the Castalia Banking Company. He was one of the principals on the organization of that solid financial institution in September, 1905, and has since been a director and cashier.

Mr. White is one of the citizens of Erie County who represent the old colonial stock of New England. He is a direct descendant of Elder John White, who came from England in 1632 and in September of that year arrived in Massachusetts, where his name can be found identified with church and other activities so as to stamp him a leader in the early history of that colony. Daniel D. White was born in Groton Township of Erie County, May 17, 1861. His parents were Ebenezer and Ellen (Jones) White. His father was born in Massachusetts and his mother in New York State. The White family was established in Erie County by Grandfather Capt. John White, who gained his title by service in the state militia. He was one of the pioneer settlers in Groton Township and for several years the family lived in one of the typical log cabin homes of that period. Ebenezer White was about thirteen years of age when he accompanied the family from Massachusetts to Erie County and in this new country he grew up to useful and honorable manhood. For six years he served as a commissioner, and held that office at the time the present Erie County courthouse was constructed. He was a republican in politics, and spent all his active career as a farmer in Groton Township. He also served as a trustee of that township and justice of the peace, and was well known throughout the county. His death occurred in 1885. Of his children three are still living: Lizzie S., widow of W. O. Zabst, late of Bellevue, Ohio, where she now resides, Harriet J., wife of J. J. Neill, of Margaretta Township; and Daniel D.

The only surviving son, Daniel D. White grew up in Groton Township and his education came partly from the district schools and partly from the schools of Castalia. More than thirty years ago he began his active and independent career as a farmer in his native township, and that was his chief enterprise up to 1905, since which time he has been identified with the affairs of the Castalia Banking Company, as one of the officers and directors. At various times Mr. White has performed his share of public duties. For six years he was a member of the Board of Control of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station at Wooster, having been appointed by Gov. George K. Nash and reappointed by Gov. Myron T. Herrick. He is affiliated with Perseverance Lodge, F. & A. M., at Sandusky, with Spring Tent No. 80 of the Knights of the Maccabees at Castalia, and has been particularly prominent in the Patrons of Husbandry, having membership in Margaretta Grange No. 488, which he served as master three years, and for two years was master of Erie County Pomona Grange. At Sacramento, California, in 1888, he was given the seventh degree in the National Grange. Mr. White still owns a valuable and well improved farm of 140 acres in Groton township. His part has always been that of a progressive and substantial citizen and his reputation rests upon solid achievement.

On October 28, 1885, he married Dora Chase, daughter of the late Henry Chase, a former resident of Margaretta Township, and of New England stock. Mr. and Mrs. White have one of the attractive homes of Castalia, and both are popular members of social circles.

WILLIAM C. GRAVES. Erie County has many men who are not only fortunate in their material circumstances and in their position as citizens, but also in the general estimation of the public fully deserve all their good fortune. Such a man is William C. Graves, vice president of the Castalia Banking Company and the owner and at one time the farmer of 207 acres of land in Margaretta Township. Mr. Graves has spent most of his life in Erie County, and has that prestige which belongs to a successful career.

Many years ago, when Erie County's development was advanced only a few degrees beyond pioneer conditions, the Graves and Caswell families came here from the East. Spencer Graves was an early settler in Margaretta Township and a highly influential citizenship of that locality. Calvin Caswell was also a pioneer in the same township, and lived there for more than half a century. At one time he owned large tracts of land in the township, was an orderly and intelligent farmer, and his reputation extended beyond the bounds of his immediate home community. For several terms he served as a county commissioner, and was also at one time president of the Erie County Agricultural Society and did a great deal to strengthen and extend the influence of that organization. These two families were united by the marriage of Lucius S. and Emily L. (Caswell) Graves, the former a native of New York State and the latter of Erie County. To their marriage was born William C. Graves in Margaretta Township on February 18, 1861.

His early life was spent on the farm in his native township, and in the course of time he acquired a liberal education. He attended the common schools, the Castalia High School, and for about two years pursued a general commercial course in the Northern Ohio Normal at Ada. Immediately after his marriage he removed to Rockford in Mercer County, Ohio, where for about ten years he was identified with the timber and lumber industry. From there he removed to Sandusky and was a member of the firm of T. C. Adams & Son in the wholesale flour, fruit and produce business. In 1900 Mr. Graves returned to Castalia, and for eight years was in the general merchandise business in that village and also served as postmaster. Then followed three years of farm management on his estate in Margaretta Township, and in 1913 he returned to Castalia and has since given much of his attention to the Castalia Banking Company. He became a stockholder in that institution when it was reorganized and subsequently was elected its vice president.

Mr. Graves married Lucy M. Adams, daughter of the late Thomas C. Adams, who for many years was well known in Castalia and other parts of Ohio as a merchant. Mr. and Mrs. Graves have one son, Calvin T. Graves, who is now established successfully as a real estate man in Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Graves is affiliated with Sandusky Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a man of genial social qualities as well as of broad experience and thorough ability in business affairs.

HERMAN KRUEGER. The position of superintendent of a large manufacturing plant in these days of strenuous industrial activity is no sinecure, and he who can successfully perform its duties must be a man of experience, tact and energy. The Castalia Portland Cement Company, whose large plant is located at Castalia, Ohio, with the main office at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has an exceptionally competent superintendent in Herman Krueger, a man well and favorably known in Castalia and throughout Margaretta Township. Mr. Krueger was born in Prussia, Germany, August 6, 1870, his parents, Theodore and Hannah

(Gysau) Krueger, being natives of that country. When he was a child of less than four years, or in the spring of 1874, they came to America, settling in Margaretta Township, Erie County, Ohio, and here the subject of this sketch was reared to manhood, acquiring his education in the public schools. It was in 1898 that he first entered the employ of the Castalia Portland Cement Company, going to work in the coal-grinding department. After spending three years in this department he was promoted to the position of foreman of the packing house, which he filled for some time, being then made night superintendent of the plant. He remained in this position for several years and was then made general day foreman. His next promotion was in 1909 to his present office as general superintendent of the plant, in which he has shown himself thoroughly competent, having a comprehensive knowledge of all the various processes of manufacture, united with a high order of executive ability. The concern includes a number of different departments and gives employment to about 160 men—laborers, mechanics, mill men, firemen, engineers and others, of all of whom Mr. Krueger has charge. His success in life has been achieved through his own industry and perseverance, backed by no inconsiderable degree of natural ability. A public spirited, enterprising citizen, he takes an active interest in local affairs and is ever ready to aid a worthy cause, especially if it promises to be of general benefit to the community at large. In politics he is a republican, while his religious affiliations are with the Lutheran Church at Sandusky, Ohio.

Mr. Krueger was married, December 7, 1890, to Miss Emma David, who was born in Margaretta Township, this county, daughter of Charles David, a former resident of Margaretta Township, but now deceased. Mrs. Krueger, after a happy wedded life of nearly twenty-five years, died February 19, 1915, leaving five children—Carl, Fred, Arthur E., Dora and Marjorie A. Carl is residing in Castalia, while the other four live with their father in Margaretta Township.

Charles Canfield. The scattered survivors of the war of 1861-65 are men of distinction and honor wherever they are found. One of these veterans in Erie County is Charles Canfield of Castalia, who is now spending his declining years in comfort and honor in the county where he was born, and is giving dignified and acceptable service as a justice of the peace of Margaretta Township and is a notary public.

His birth occurred in Milan Township of Erie County, January 18, 1839, and though his life has been a most active and eventful one it has been prolonged to more than three-quarters of a century. His parents were Moses and Belinda (Mack) Canfield. The Mack family were among the very early settlers of Milan Township. The Canfields came originally from Vermont. When Charles Canfield was still a child he became a resident of Branch County, Michigan, several miles from Coldwater, the county seat. He was left in tender years to meet the difficulties and problems of life almost alone. He grew up partly in the home of Jerry Noble, who lived not far from Coldwater, and subsequently was in the home of Perry Larribee in Bethel Township of Branch County. His early environment and his life among strangers did not allow him to attend school regularly, and he has gained most of his knowledge by personal reading and study and by contact with men and affairs. He had passed his majority when the war broke out, and almost at the first call he enlisted in the First Michigan Light Artillery, Loomis Battery, which was organized at Coldwater. He was in the three months' service, and during that time participated in the battle of Bull Run. In January, 1863, Mr. Canfield enlisted in Company D of the

Ninth Michigan Cavalry and was in the Department of the Ohio and subsequently in the Department of the Cumberlands. The climax of his military experience came when he followed Sherman in the advance to Atlanta and in the march to the sea. He was under fire more or less all the time while with Sherman, and in the battle of Bentonville, North Carolina, received a wound from a bayonet which pierced his neck. Somewhat later, on January 21, 1865, he was given an honorable discharge and returned home to take up the duties of civil life with the distinctions and honors that belong to the veteran soldier. After the war he learned the trade of wagon maker, and followed that as a means of livelihood almost continuously until 1908, in which year he retired. In the meantime Mr. Canfield had made his home in different states and in different towns and cities. In March, 1907, he came to Castalia, and has since lived at that village. For a number of years his home was in Toledo; he also lived in Detroit, and in whatever community any portion of his life has been spent he has won the respect of his fellow citizens. For a time since returning to Castalia Mr. Canfield was janitor of the high school, then for several years performed the duties of truant officer for Margaretta township, and is still acting in that capacity and is also one of the justices of the peace and has a commission as notary public.

Mr. Canfield is a republican but has frequently exercised his discretion and independence in casting his ballot. At one time he was a member of Vienna Lodge No. 205, F. & A. M., at Clio, Michigan, and also belongs to Vienna Lodge No. 191 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at the same place. He also belongs to the Grand Army Post at Castalia. Mr. Canfield has been three time married, and by his second wife has two sons: Albert E. Canfield of Adrian, Michigan, and Charles H. Canfield of Jasper, Michigan.

Mr. Canfield's present wife is one of the most interesting pioneer women of Erie County. Her maiden name was Sarah J. Harvey, and she was born at Lansing, Tompkins County, New York, April 18, 1828. Her parents were Thomas and Rachel (Dickerson) Harvey, her father a native of Jersey City, New Jersey, and her mother of Tompkins County, New York. When Mrs. Canfield was eight years of age, in 1836, her parents came to Erie County and located at Sandusky, where for three years her father kept the old Portland House, which in its time was a popular and widely known hostelry. Later the family removed to Margaretta Township and settled on a farm near Castalia. They moved to this community in 1839. Later her father bought the Seven Mile House in Margaretta Township, and conducted it a number of years. Mrs. Canfield has lived in Erie County almost eighty years, and has a great fund of recollections and memories associated with the times and people. Her father, after selling the Seven Mile House, moved to Venice and for several years was proprietor of the Venice Hotel, after which he became a farmer in Margaretta Township and at one time owned 400 acres of land in that vicinity. His death occurred in Sandusky in 1864. Squire Canfield, as he is familiarly known by his friends and the residents of Castalia, is a man of public spirit and enjoys the good will and respect of all his fellow townsmen.

Ira C. Bailey. Though he assumed his present responsible position as manager of the extensive lumber and manufacturing business of the Valentine Fries estate without having had previous experience in this line of enterprise, Mr. Bailey has shown himself a most circumspect and capable executive, has fortified himself thoroughly in the details of the business and has made the same definitely successful. The business has

shown appreciable expansion under his effective administration and he has gained secure prestige as one of the representative men of affairs in the thriving little city of Huron, where he has been the incumbent of his present managerial position since 1907 and where he is known as an alert, progressive business man of mature judgment.

The Fries estate succeeded to the ownership of the lumber business long controlled by the Wickham Lumber Company, one of the oldest and best known concerns in this line of enterprise in Erie County, and the enterprise has been conducted under its present auspices since 1903. In addition to dealing in all kinds of lumber and building supplies, including brick, cement, plaster, etc., the controlling estate operates a well equipped planing mill, the plant being situated on the banks of and near the mouth of the Huron River, so that the best of shipping facilities are controlled in connection with marine service on the Great Lakes.

Mr. Bailey was born in Norwalk Township, Huron County, Ohio, on the 11th of September, 1871, and he was there reared to adult age, in the meanwhile having availed himself fully of the advantages of the public schools, including the high school in the city of Norwalk. In his youth he there learned the trades of plumber and tinsmith, and finally he engaged in the plumbing and tinning business at Norwalk, as a member of the firm of Gfell & Bailey, his practical apprenticeship having been served in the establishment of the Butt & Peck Hardware Company. After an alliance that continued six years Mr. Bailey withdrew from the firm of Gfell & Bailey and since that time the enterprise has been continued under the title of Gfell & Company. One year after retiring from the firm mentioned Mr. Bailey came to Huron, where he has since been actively associated with the supervision of the lumber business of the Valentine Fries estate, his present office being that of general manager.

Mr. Bailey is a scion of a sterling pioneer family of Ohio, within whose gracious borders his grandfather, Charles Bailey, was born and reared, the entire active life of the honored grandsire having been passed in Huron County, where he followed the vocation of painter and where he died when about seventy years of age. He was a republican in his proclivities and as a member of an Ohio regiment he served as a valiant soldier of the Union army during virtually the entire period of the Civil war. The maiden name of his wife was Curtis and she was likewise about seventy years of age at the time of death, she having survived her honored husband by several years. Mrs. Bailey was born in one of the primitive log cabin homes of the pioneer era in the history of Huron County, where her parents settled in an early day, when that section was little more than a forest wilderness and when the Indians were still much in evidence. Concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bailey the following brief record is given: Nelson, father of the subject of this review, is the eldest; George still continues his residence in Erie County and is the father of six children; Susan became the wife of Jasper Curtis, who is survived by their two daughters, and after his death she became the wife of Charles Coleman, their residence being now at Miami, Florida, where Mr. Coleman is engaged in the propagating of grapefruit and other citrus fruits, no children having been born of this union; Charles is a bachelor and his present place of abode is unknown to other members of the family.

Nelson Bailey was born in Norwalk Township, Huron County, March 1, 1848, and was there reared to manhood. He has followed various occupations and for more than half a century has maintained his home at Townsend Center, a village in his native county, both he and his wife being in excellent health and spirits and he having always been uncompromising in his allegiance to the republican party. Mrs. Bailey, whose maiden name was Sarah E. Emerson, has been a resident of Huron

County from the time of her birth and celebrated her sixty-sixth birthday anniversary in 1915. Of the children all are living except a daughter who died in infancy, and all of the survivors are married and established in homes of their own, their names being entered in respective order of birth: Ira C., Susan E., John J., Reuben, Ora, Lottie, Anna, Frank, Phoebe and Harrison.

In the City of Norwalk was solemnized the marriage of Ira C. Bailey to Miss Sophia Reineck, who was born in Huron County on the 24th of September, 1868, and who received excellent educational advantages in her youth. She is a daughter of Ambrose and Rosina (Martin) Reineck, the former of whom was born in Ohio, of German parentage, and the latter of whom was born in Germany, whence she came with her parents to America when she was twelve years of age, the family home having been established in Huron County, where her parents passed the residue of their lives, both having attained to the age of about three score years and ten. Mr. Reineck was a farmer by vocation, was a staunch democrat in his political proclivities, and both he and his wife were zealous communicants of the Catholic Church. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have two fine sons, both of whom are honoring the name which they bear. Arthur William, who was born October 29, 1895, is taking up the trade formerly carried on by his father, the plumbing business. Milo Reuben, who was born September 22, 1898, is identified with the marine navigation service of the Great Lakes and in 1914 was employed as a sailor on the steamer Ishpeming. He has demonstrated rare ability for one of his years and is now a member of the crew of the steamer R. S. Warner (1915).

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey and their sons are communicants of the Catholic Church, retaining their membership in the parish of St. Peter's Church at Huron, and Mr. Bailey still retains in the City of Norwalk, Huron County, his affiliation with the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, in which last named organization he has held official positions.

Smith Gorsuch, M. D. For more than thirteen years Doctor Gorsuch has given his service as a capable physician and surgeon to the community of Castalia. Recognized as the leading medical man of Margaretta Township, he belongs to a profession where the attainment of such reputation is in the highest degree creditable, not only to his skill and technical ability but to his social and civic character as a man.

Few men have worked harder to raise themselves into professional ranks than Doctor Gorsuch. He was born in Delaware County, Ohio, August 28, 1869, a son of Samuel and Emeline (Bateson) Gorsuch, both being natives of Delaware County, and the mother is still living. His father was an architect and builder in Delaware County. The Gorsuch family is of German extraction while the Batesons were Scotch.

Doctor Gorsuch grew up in Delaware County, and between his early education, which was completed at the Reynoldsburg High School, and his graduation from medical college there was a long period in which he supported himself and raised a fund for continued study by teaching and many other occupations which afforded the means to the end. At different times he attended for two years the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, when that school was under the management of the noted educators, the Holbrooks. For seven years he was a teacher in Delaware, Franklin and Licking counties. In 1896 he began the study of medicine with Dr. N. Gorsuch, who is still engaged in practice at Centre Village in Delaware County. He continued his readings under that preceptor for four years, and in 1902 was graduated M. D. from

the Ohio Medical University at Columbus. In the same year he located at Castalia and has been in active practice ever since.

On October 28, 1893, Doctor Gorsuch married Louie Rich of Delaware County. Their two children are Heber S. and Murray. Doctor Gorsuch is a member of the Board of Education of Margaretta Township and a member of the joint board of education of that township and Groton Township. He is a stockholder in the Castalia Banking Company. He is thus a man of no insignficant influence in his community. He stands high professionally, is a member of the Erie County and Ohio State Medical societies, and the American Medical Association. He is affiliated with Science Lodge, F. & A. M., at Sandusky and with the Castalia Tent of the Knights of the Maccabees. He enjoys a large practice, is popular among his fellow townsmen, and public spirit is one of his important characteristics.

Andrew Englert. In these modern times, when wealth accumulates rapidly, men who by years of arduous work in their respective callings have attained to success and ample fortune, often feel the need of relaxation and seek some healthful and invigorating pastime with which to occupy their leisure moments. Among this class the devotees of the rod are both numerous and enthusiastic. Who has not told or loved to hear a good "fish story." Among the inhabitants of the thickly settled parts of the country, however, who enjoy the art of angling, there are comparatively few who can take the time necessary to seek their finny prey in its native haunts in distant wilds, by the side of primeval streams, even if they are willing to put up with the rough living when far from the comforts of civilization. But there are few things that wealth cannot accomplish, and among them is the power to bring within convenient distance the things one cannot go far to seek. Hence we find artificial streams, stocked with game fish, and with comfortable club houses in the immediately vicinity, within easy distance of all our great centers of population. The proper care of such preserves is, of course, an important consideration, and is entrusted only to men of intelligence and responsible character. Such a responsible position has been held for the last thirty-five years by the subject of this memoir, Andrew Englert, who, since March 15, 1880, has been superintendent of the Castalia Trout Club, whose extensive grounds, comprising about 190 acres, are located near Castalia, Erie County, Ohio. Mr. Englert was born in Bavaria, Germany, June 10, 1851, a son of Martin and Annie (Geis) Englert, both parents being natives of that country. He was reared in his native land, where he acquired a good practical education, remaining there until he had attained his majority. On July 4, 1872, he landed as a German immigrant at Castle Garden, New York, and came directly to Erie County, Ohio. Here he obtained agricultural employment and also attended school for awhile, soon gaining a good command of the English language. He continued at farm work until 1880, when, as above stated, he was appointed to his present position, which he has filled to the full satisfaction of his employers. The Castalia Trout Club is composed of Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo and Sandusky parties, who have here found and improved a beautiful spot for healthful sport and relaxation. A bed, 5½ miles long, was excavated and turned into an ideal stream for angling. There are two fish hatcheries on the grounds, from which the stream is kept supplied, the eggs being purchased in Northern Maine. During the winter of 1914-15 some 600,000 trout were hatched—enough to furnish sport, one would think, for many a long summer day to all the members of the club. The grounds along the stream, and in some few other places, are thickly

and tastefully planted with shrubbery, and an important adjunct is a handsome and commodious clubhouse, well provided with all necessary conveniences and comforts. All these things and many others are under Mr. Englert's superintending care and keep him busily employed most of the time. His long residence here has made him well known to the people of Castalia and of the township generally and it speaks well for his character and disposition that he is one of the most popular citizens hereabouts, enjoying the confidence and good will of the entire community. Yet, with all his popularity he is neither self-centered nor unduly self-seeking, but takes a warm personal interest in the affairs of the town, being always ready to give his support to any movement designed for its moral or material advancement. In politics he is a republican, while fraternally he is a member of Spring Tent No. 8, K. O. T. M., of Castalia.

Mr. Englert married Miss Margaret Altvater, who was born in Castalia, Ohio, of which place her father, Peter Altvater, now deceased, was a well known and respected citizen. To him and his wife five children have been born, namely: George M., now residing in Toronto, Ontario; Ida M., the wife of James S. Van Norman, of Sandusky, Ohio; Charles, who resides at Frankfort, Indiana; Earl R., of Ironton, Ohio, and Carrie L., wife of E. M. Winters, of Castalia, Ohio. The phrase "a self-made man" is often used by biographers in describing one who has risen to a comfortable or enviable position in life by his own exertions and without extraneous advantages, and in the sense that "self-made" is often "best-made" it can be applied without reserve to Mr. Englert.

Jerome Bixby. The ability to create success regardless of circumstances and difficulties has apparently been the chief factor in the career of Jerome Bixby, now president of the Castalia Banking Company. Mr. Bixby has lived in Castalia since 1875. For several years he sold general merchandise and operated a wagon for the country trade. In 1882 he established a general store at Castalia and kept this up for about ten years, during part of which time he was postmaster of the village. In 1894 he restricted his mercantile operations to hardware and farm implements, and almost continuously for the past twenty years has been identified with that business, being now senior member of the firm of Bixby & Meikle, who have the largest stock of general hardware and farm implements in Margaretta Township. On the reorganization of the Castalia Banking Company a few years ago Mr. Bixby was elected president, and has since had the executive management of that substantial institution, and is also a member of its board of directors.

On July 15, 1840, Nathan and Mary (Klock) Bixby, whose home was in Savannah, Wayne County, New York, became the parents of a son whom they christened Jerome. These parents were both natives of New York State. The Bixby family is of English origin, while the Klocks belonged to the old Dutch stock of the Mohawk Valley. Grandfather Joseph Klock served in the Revolutionary war.

When he was about seventeen years of age Jerome Bixby, who had previously profited by attendance at the common schools, entered Red Creek Union Academy in Wayne County, remained a student there about four years, and later for a time was in the Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti. He also taught school for a short while in Columbia, Michigan. His student days in Ypsilanti were interrupted when he enlisted in Company F of the First Regiment of Michigan Cavalry. With this noted regiment he joined the Army of the Potomac, and served successively under such noted leaders as Buford, Hatch, Kilpatrick and

Sheridan, and for the latter part of his service was in the famous Custer's Brigade. His active participation in battle included Winchester; he was in Pope's army during its operations along the Rappahannock; was in the second battle of Bull Run, and a short time prior to the battle of Gettysburg was detailed for clerical work at the military headquarters at Washington. He was given his honorable discharge from the army August 20, 1864. Mr. Bixby gained an appointment as sutler and in that capacity accompanied the Twenty-fifth Army Corps, Army of Observation, to Texas and continued as sutler to that organization until the fall of 1867. He then returned to Savannah, New York, lived there and at Saratoga Springs and at Lapeer, Michigan, until he came to Erie County, as above noted. Mr. Bixby owns two substantial farms in Margaretta Township, aggregating about 150 acres, devoted to general agriculture.

Mr. Bixby married Lydia L. Higley, who was born in Townsend Township of Sandusky County, Ohio, a daughter of Orson Higley, who in his time was one of the most prominent citizens of that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Bixby have one daughter, Pearl B., now the wife of Andrew J. Melike of Castalia. Mr. Bixby has been a republican since his days as a soldier of the Union, and is now and for several years has been commander of Post No. 423 of the Grand Army of the Republic at Castalia. He is also affiliated with the Masonic Lodge at Lapeer, Michigan, and has long been active in the Congregational Church at Castalia, which he has served as trustee.

Elijah C. Witter. Among the ordinary avocations of mankind there are few more responsible positions than that of mail carrier. He it is who often bears the news of life or death, joy or sorrow, whose coming is eagerly awaited in every home, and upon whose care and promptitude great issues often depend. In selecting men for this position the Government exercises the greatest care, choosing none but after a strict examination in which the applicant must show a high degree of intelligence, special knowledge of all things pertaining to his calling, which are more numerous than many people suppose, and furnish the strictest references as to his honesty and moral character. In choosing Elijah C. Witter, of Castalia, Uncle Sam made no mistake, as all the people residing on Rural Route No. 2, connected with the Castalia office, will gladly testify. Mr. Witter was born in Margaretta Township, Erie County, Ohio, January 17, 1867, and is, therefore, now but little past the prime of life. His parents were James B. and Arena (Campbell) Witter, the father a native of Canandaigua County, New York, the mother of Erie County, Ohio. The paternal grandfather, Joshua Witter, who resided in Canandaigua, was of New England antecedents and was descended from early English ancestors. At the age of twenty-seven years James B. Witter, after residing up to that time in his native state, came to Erie County, Ohio, settling in Margaretta Township, where he engaged in agriculture. A republican in politics, he took an active part in local affairs and became a prominent and popular citizen, serving for a time as township trustee. His death, which took place in October, 1898, was much regretted.

Elijah C. Witter was reared to man's estate in Margaretta Township, this county, and was educated in its public schools and in the high schools at Castalia and Milan. For a number of years he followed his father's vocation, having a good farm of 115 acres, located mainly in Margaretta Township, which he tilled successfully. Appointed rural letter carrier in November, 1905, he assumed the duties of that office, which he has since performed in a highly satisfactory manner. An

active citizen, interested in the affairs of the township, he numbers his friends by the score. In politics he is independent, while his fraternal affiliations are with Spring Tent No. 8, K. O. T. M., of Castalia, and Margaretta Grange No. 488.

On January 23, 1890, Mr. Witter was united in marriage with Miss Maggie Prentice, who was born in Margaretta Township, Erie County, Ohio, a daughter of N. E. Prentice, now of Payne, Ohio. He and his wife are the parents of four daughters, Mabel E., Nettie, Margaret and Sarah. Mr. Witter is a consistent member of the Congregational Church of Castalia.

James Hunt. That farming can be conducted as a successful business in the same class as store or factory needs no other proof than a visit to the excellent estate of James Hunt, in Berlin Township. He has a hundred acres of fine rolling farm land, and a group of well arranged, substantially built and well painted buildings which are the first point of attraction to the visitor, and on every other hand are evidences of good management and efficiency. Mr. Hunt has a reputation in Berlin Township as a successful general farmer, stock raiser and fruit grower, and it has been a matter of pride for him to maintain the highest standards as an agriculturist.

His comfortable home contains ten rooms, and nearby is the bank barn on a foundation 32 by 66 feet, and a number of other cribs, sheds and outbuildings. The fields are well drained, and he raises all the staple crops, corn, wheat and potatoes, and has exercised a great deal of care in keeping the better grades of live stock. About fourteen acres are devoted to fruit growing, and twelve acres in peaches and two acres in apples and cherries. When Mr. Hunt bought this land from Randall Bailey in 1899 it was in considerable disesteem as a farm, and had been much neglected and was generally run down. Applying the vigor and common sense which he uses in all his undertakings, Mr. Hunt has in less than fifteen years developed the place to rank hardly second among any of the farms of Berlin Township. It is located on the Berlin Heights and Norwalk Road, one mile from the former village.

From the time he arrived from his native country of England in 1882 until moving to Erie County, Mr. Hunt lived in Richland County, Ohio. For four years he lived on a place of 105 acres at Plymouth, for six years rented 160 acres, for a similar period rented a farm of 400 acres, and then purchased property.

Mr. Hunt was born in Lincolnshire, England, November 8, 1845, a son of James and Mary (Harrison) Hunt, both natives of Lincolnshire, where they passed all their lives and were fourscore when they died. Several generations of the Hunt family have lived in Lincolnshire, and in that locality the name was always associated with solid industry and worth. The father was for many years engaged in business as a contractor in the construction of ditches and canals, but the latter part of his life was spent on a small farm. He and his wife were active members of the Methodist Church. Of the children, John has never left England and is married and has a family. Richard is also living in England and has a family. The next in order of birth is James. William lives in Lincolnshire and has several children. Fred died six months after his marriage, and a child was born to his widow. Charlotte died as the wife of William Hart, leaving several children.

For about twenty-seven years Mr. James Hunt lived in Lincolnshire, acquired his education there, and had a thorough training in English methods of agriculture, and this experience served him well after he came to Ohio. He was married in Leeds, Yorkshire, England, to Mary

Dickinson. She was born in Nottingham, England, where her parents spent all their lives, and a short time before her marriage she had removed to Leeds. Two of her brothers are living in the United States; Joseph, who is a farmer in Williams County, Ohio, and is married, and Thomas, who is a farmer near Montpelier, Ohio, and is the father of two sons.

In 1882 Mr. and Mrs. Hunt and their son Arthur voyaged from Liverpool to Quebec, Canada, and thence came to Shelby, Ohio. Since then his movements and activities have been briefly traced. Mrs. Hunt, after nine years of illness and suffering from rheumatism, passed away October 9, 1910, when sixty-seven years of age. She was survived by three children. The son, Arthur, who was born in England thirty-seven years ago, is now a farmer on his father's estate and rents the land; he married Inez Shoup, who was born in Richland County, Ohio, of German parentage, and they have two children, Mary and Lucile, the former a student in the Berlin Heights High School. Martha, who was born in Ohio thirty years ago, is the wife of Lloyd E. Andrews of Cleveland, and they have a son named James. Margaret, the youngest child, was born in Richland County, was well educated in that county and in Erie County, and is now living with her father, to whom she gives a full measure of her devotion and exerts herself in every way for his comfort. Mr. Hunt is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as was also his wife, and he and his son are republicans.

Michael Gorman. The Gorman family was established in Erie County just half a century ago. The people of Berlin Township still retain many affectionate memories of the late Michael Gorman, who spent more than forty years of useful and honorable activity in this county. His widow, Mrs. E. C. Gorman, is still living, and bears the weight of more than ninety years with a cheerfulness and vigor which make her an exceptional character. Mrs. Gorman has a wonderful memory for events that happened during her girlhood and younger years, and among a large circle of acquaintances she is affectionately known as "Mother Gorman." The old Gorman homestead on Rural Route No. 2 out of Berlin Heights is now under the active management of Albert Perry Gorman, youngest son of the late Michael.

The Gorman family is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, the early members having been of the Catholic faith and was established in America by the grandfather of the late Michael Gorman. One of the family connections at a later generation was the noted Maryland senator, A. P. Gorman. The Gormans came to this country about the same time as Harmon Blennerhasset and Ellen Gorman, an aunt of the late Michael Gorman, had some interesting associations with the Blennerhasset family while they lived on the island in the Ohio River. Michael Gorman was born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, October 3, 1815, and died September 19, 1910, at the age of almost ninety-five on his home in Berlin Township, situated on the Berlin and Norwalk Road. His father, Michael, Sr., was born on the Juniata River in Pennsylvania in the closing years of the eighteenth century, and grew up in the family of his uncle, who was an extensive slave holder and planter in Maryland, and of a branch of the family directly related with the Senator Gorman family. Michael, Sr., was married when he came to Warren County, Pennsylvania, his wife, Sarah Ann Gilson, being a young woman of English birth and parentage. At Bedford, Pennsylvania, Michael, Sr., was a miller and also engaged in the transportation business with pack horses between Bedford and Philadelphia. With these vocations he combined agriculture, and lived to be ninety-nine years of age, while

his wife was seventy-one when she died. Both were of Catholic parents, but they themselves were not active communicants of that church. Michael Gorman, Jr., was the eleventh in a family of thirteen children, all of whom grew up and married except a daughter who died at the age of eighteen while making preparations for her wedding.

In the old Pennsylvania home and particularly around the water-power grist mill the late Michael Gorman spent his childhood and youth. Some years after his marriage, in May, 1865, he arrived with his family in Erie County, and here bought the farm on which he spent the rest of his days. He was a man of business judgment, and his labors and management enabled him to accumulate 200 acres in that locality. This farm was well improved under his supervision with substantial buildings, and was quite successful in the raising of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep. The sterling worth of his character was made apparent in his community in many ways, and he is remembered as a man of thorough honesty and absolute integrity. He was frequently called upon to serve on juries during his life in Erie County. In politics he was a democrat, and while not an active church member was a believer in an all-ruling Providence and in the efficiency of love as the strongest force in the world.

At the Town of Deerfield in Warren County, Pennsylvania, November 7, 1842, he married Elizabeth C. Cleland, who was born at Harbor Creek on Lake Erie in Pennsylvania, October 1, 1824. She celebrated her ninetieth birthday in the fall of 1914 and her fund of interesting recollections extends back to the decade of the '30s in the last century. She was reared and educated in Western Pennsylvania, and for fully half a century has lived in the old homestead out in Berlin Township. Mrs. Gorman is the lineal descendant of colonial and revolutionary ancestors. Her grandfather, John Cleland, was born near Boston, Massachusetts, in 1757, and died at Stockton, New York, in 1827. During the war for independence he was for three years under the command of General Putnam and for another four years was under another leader. He spent that dreadful winter in camp with other suffering patriots at Valley Forge. He was of Scotch ancestry and parentage, and his father had emigrated to America and settled in Boston, where he became prominent as a citizen and served as high sheriff and in that capacity there devolved upon him the duty of hanging Sarah Dyer, the noted Quakeress who was condemned for her unwavering adherence to religious convictions. John Cleland married Thankful Easton in 1780. She was born in 1759 and died at Stockton, New York, in 1847. Of their children, Oliver Cleland, the father of Mrs. Gorman, was born in 1793 and died in 1879. He was reared at Northampton, Massachusetts, and was married June 18, 1817, to Elizabeth Marsh. They were married at Bloomfield. She was born in 1801 and died in 1880 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Gorman, in Berlin Township, as did also her husband. Mrs. Gorman was the second of three daughters. Her sister Cynthia was born in 1818 and died in 1822. Her sister Mary was born in 1828 and died in 1911, and by her marriage to Peter Gorman, a brother of Michael, left three children. There was also a brother, O. H. Perry Cleland, who was born in 1820 and died in 1903.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Gorman were born children as follows: Oliver C., born December 16, 1844, died at the age of fourteen; Eleanor, born November 5, 1846, died in 1849; John Marsh, born November 21, 1848, now a farmer in Berlin Township, married Estella, a daughter of Thomas Pelton, and their daughter, Irma B., is the wife of Edward Manns, and they live in Berlin Township and have a son, Gorman D.; Elnora, born January 3, 1851, and now deceased, married

Charles Peak, who was accidentally killed at Berlin Heights; Juliet, born January 13, 1854, died at the age of one year; Albert Perry Gorman, born April 9, 1860, attended school at Berlin Heights and at Oberlin College, and for many years has lived at the old home and has the active management of the estate for his mother. He is unmarried and is one of the enterprising and successful agriculturists of Berlin Township. Both he and his brother John are democrats in politics.

JOHN K. BOEHM. In the little Village of Ceylon in Berlin Township the man of enterprise and of longest standing in a commercial sense is John K. Boehm, dealer in farm implements and operating an extensive business in producing and shipping sand for moulding and foundry purposes. Mr. Boehm has been the leading merchant at Ceylon for more than twenty years and more than any other one person has given the distinction to that point in Erie County territory as a place of trade and productive enterprise.

He deserves special credit for opening up and developing the sand pits on the old Hast farm near his own home at Ceylon. He holds leases on twelve acres covered with a deep deposit of sand of specially fine quality for manufacturing purposes. He also has options on other lands that can be utilized for the same purpose. His experience shows that about 10,000 tons of sand can be secured from each surface acre. This sand is particularly in demand for steel and brass moulding, and it is sold everywhere in the North Central States and Canada. Mr. Boehm's productions now run from two to five carloads per day. He has been engaged in this industry for the past seven or eight years, and it is a high tribute to his foresight and enterprise that he has utilized on a commercial basis a product which would easily have been slighted by men of less discernment. Mr. Boehm has built and owns branch railroad tracks connecting his sand pits with the main line of railway, and has introduced several features for the facile handling of the sand, which gives him a fair profit. One contrivance of his own invention is an endless belt operated by gasoline engine which carries the sand directly from the pit to the cars standing on the side track, and when operated at full capacity he is able to load 200 tons per day.

Mr. Boehm has been in the farm implement business at Ceylon for the past fifteen years. He carries all kinds of farm supplies and implements, and furnishes most of the tools used in this agricultural district. His first business as a merchant at Ceylon was a general store, which he acquired in 1893. After about eight years he introduced another department for the handling of farm implements, and in 1909 sold the general merchandise stock to Frank Rhode, whose place was subsequently burnt out. For a number of years after purchasing the general store from G. R. McConnelly, Mr. Boehm was the only active business man at the place and has really been the only merchant of any consequence.

On September 16, 1872, John K. Boehm was born in Amherst, Lorain County, Ohio, but was brought to Erie County when a child and was reared and educated in the county where he has lived ever since. His parents were Conrad and Caroline (Dahlmann) Boehm. They were natives of Westphalia, Germany, were married in that country, and while living there three children were born to them, Carl, Frederick and Anna. In 1870 the family set sail for the United States, and after landing in New York City proceeded west to Amherst in Lorain County, where the father, who had become a capable shoemaker in the old country, established a shop and worked at his regular calling. Back in Germany the grandfather was a skilled harness maker in Westphalia. After a few years residence in Amherst the Boehm family came on to Erie County and located in Ceylon, where the father continued his trade until

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his death on October 4, 1876. His widow survived him until September 25, 1895. They were members of the German Reformed Church, and the father was a democrat in politics. After they came to this country their first child was John K. and others born to them were: Conrad, now a candy manufacturer at Sandusky, who is married and has sons and daughters; Catherine, who was born in Erie County in 1875, married Morris Parker, a member of the Cleveland police force who was killed in a riot in that city in 1912, leaving his widow and one daughter.

In Vermilion Township John K. Boehm married Miss Amelia C. Kishman, who was born in Lorain County March 28, 1872, and received her education in the district schools of Erie County. Her father, Werner Kishman, with his wife, was a native of Germany, having come from that country to America, locating in Erie County, where he followed the business of fisherman and farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Kishman died on their farm in Vermilion Township, the latter when fifty-six years of age, and the father a few years later. They were German Reformed people. Mr. and Mrs. Boehm have three children: Ruth, who was born January 2, 1898, and is a member of the class of 1916 in the Berlin Heights High School; Roy W., born January 11, 1899, and a member of the class succeeding that of his sister in high school; and John K., Jr., who was born August 14, 1900, a member of the class which will graduate from the Berlin Heights High School in 1918. Mr. Boehm is a democrat who has done something creditable for his community, having served as trustee of the township from 1910 to 1912. The family are members of the German Reformed Church.

William H. Moats. Among the varied interests of Erie County probably none deserves more attention as reflecting the growth and progress and prosperity of modern times than horticulturists, as exemplified in many fruit farms scattered along the lake shore in the interior country. One of the most encouraging and stimulating examples of enterprise in this direction is found in what William H. Moats has done. Mr. Moats lives in Berlin Township near the Village of Berlin Heights, and his farm of twenty-five acres is a model of the kind. The land is especially well adapted for fruit growing and it is not too much to say that as a horticulturist Mr. Moats has no superior in Erie County. His biggest crop is peaches, and he has about twelve acres in his peach orchard. About three acres are in apple trees, and he also has a hundred cherry trees.

Mr. Moats has owned and occupied this fruit farm since 1893. Every one of the trees now bearing was planted by his own hands or under his direct supervision. He has also introduced sufficient drainage to sweeten the soil, and has also employed commercial fertilizer to a considerable extent. Some idea of his success as a fruit grower is found in the records of production. At different times a single tree in his peach orchard has yielded twelve bushels of marketable peaches. His high record in the cherry crop was 528 quarts from one tree. All his fruit is of the highest class and commands the best price at market. The phenomenal cherry tree just mentioned is of the black Tartarian variety. As an apple grower he finds the best varieties are the Gano, the Jonathans, the Ben Davis and the Baldwin. His fine orchard and other improvements are the setting for some excellent buildings, including a large red barn 26 by 70 feet, and a comfortable nine-room white house. For several years before turning his attention to fruit growing Mr. Moats was a grain farmer in Berlin Township. He brought the experience of a general agriculturist to his present work and has succeeded as a result of an unremitting vigilance, constant study and

the same energy and business judgment which would be required in running any successful concern.

William H. Moats was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, May 4, 1866, but has lived in Berlin Township of Erie County since the fall of 1873. His parents in ancestry are English. His grandfather, William, and his father, Henry Moats, came from Spalding, Lincolnshire, England, to the United States in 1849, having spent six weeks on a slow going sailing vessel. William Moats, the grandfather, was born in 1814 or 1815, while Henry Moats was born December 12, 1838. William Moats married Miss Norris in England, who died there in the prime of life. After coming to this country William Moats was married at Rochester, New York, to Martha Grayell, after which he moved to Canada, lived near the Lake of the Woods for some time, and then returned to Cleveland. While at Cleveland, Henry Moats, who was only a child when brought to America, began learning the trade of machinist. At the first call for troops in 1861 to put down the rebellion he enlisted in Battery D of the Ohio Light Artillery, and was in one of the very first engagements of the war, at Phillippi, West Virginia. From that time on until Lee's surrender at Appomattox he continued to discharge his duties as a soldier, and was out a little more than four years. His first enlistment was for three months, following which he enlisted for three years, and at the end of that time veteranized for three years more or until the close of the war, which came in the summer of 1865. His military record contains reference to many of the great engagements of that war. He was present at Chickamauga, in the Wilderness, at Lookout Mountain, at Antietam and other noted battles which are taken casually from his record. Though he had some narrow escapes he went through without a wound and never spent a day in a hospital, a remarkable testimonial to his fine physical fitness for the arduous duties of soldiering.

After the war Henry Moats returned to Cleveland and there took up the business of truck gardener until 1873, when he moved to Erie County and bought a farm in the southern part of Berlin Township on the Berlin and Norwalk road. He lived there until his death on April 5, 1911. His father and step-mother had also come to Erie County in 1874, and lived here until they died several years later. They were members of the Christian Church and William Moats was a republican.

At Cleveland on February 22, 1864, Henry Moats married Jennie Proffitt. She was born in England, October 22, 1844, and in 1853, at the age of nine was brought to the United States by her parents, William and Ann Proffitt, who made their first location in the New World at Albany, New York. Her parents were natives of Harley, England, and came across the ocean in a sailing vessel between Liverpool and New York. About 1860 the Proffitt family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1873 arrived in Erie County, where they bought a farm on the Berlin and Norwalk road just across the line in Huron County. William and Ann Proffitt died on that old homestead both at the age of seventy-six years. While in England they belonged to the Episcopal Church, but attended other denominations in this country. The late Henry Moats was a member of the Berlin Heights Post of the Grand Army of the Republic and for many years acted as chaplain in the post. His widow is still living with her son Norris in Florence Township. She was in sympathy with her husband in his church relations, but for the past fifteen years, since there was no Christian Church convenient, she has attended the Methodist Society. Henry Moats was a republican in politics.

William H. Moats was the oldest of the five children still living. Walter is a farmer in Huron County and is married but has no children.

John is a farmer and fruit grower in Berlin Township of Erie County and has a son and a daughter. Norris is a bachelor and lives with his mother. James lives on his father's old homestead in Berlin Township, is successful as a fruit grower, and is married and has one daughter and one son. In addition to these there was one son George, who died in early childhood.

William H. Moats was married in his home township to Miss Belle Hoag. She was born in Berlin Township, where she received her education, and is the daughter of William and Lottie (Whitney) Hoag. Her father was born near Schenectady, New York, January 10, 1828, and was first married near Buffalo to Sarah Pierce. From New York state he came to Huron County, and while living on a farm there his wife, while in the prime of life, died as a result of attempting to rescue her little daughter from the flames which enveloped her when her clothing caught fire. She and the child were both buried in the same grave. By that marriage a son lived to grow up and is now a resident of near Buffalo, New York. After William Hoag married his second wife he spent most of his life in Berlin Township near the village of Berlin, where he died January 12, 1909. His widow is still living, and is now the wife of Louis Marka.

Mr. and Mrs. Moats have two children: Lloyd W., born April 7, 1889, after finishing the course of the Berlin Heights public schools completed a special course at the State University at Columbus, is now living in Berlin Heights, and married Christina Neiding. George H., the second son, born December 10, 1890, graduated from both the Berlin Heights High school in 1908, and attended Oberlin Business College, and is now cashier for Higby Company of Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Moats attend the Congregational Church, in politics he is a republican, and is affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees. Mrs. Moats is a member of the Tuesday Tourist Club, of which she is a past secretary, and also a member of the Ladies of the Maccabees, Maple City Hive, Norwalk, Ohio. The family have an extended relationship with Erie County society.

Joseph Michael Hendrickson. Long life and prosperity have rewarded the years and activities of Joseph M. Hendrickson, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Berlin Township. A native of the county, where he has lived three-quarters of a century, he has not only identified himself in a successful manner with the cares and responsibilities of private business but has possessed and exercised that public spirit which looks after the welfare of the community and supports its institutions and co-operative endeavors.

Born in Berlin Township January 6, 1839, he is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Schoonmaker) Hendrickson, both of whom were born in Sullivan County, New York, and represented the old Dutch stock that was introduced into the valley of the Hudson during the seventeenth century. Grandfather Joseph Hendrickson spent all his life in New York State, and the same was true of the grandfather Michael Schoonmaker, where they lived the lives of substantial farmers and died when quite old. In church affairs they were affiliated with the Methodist denomination. Grandfather Michael Schoonmaker was a soldier in the War of 1812, took part in one of the battles fought in the vicinity of Detroit, survived that experience and lived to be about three score and ten years of age. One of Mr. Hendrickson's uncles was Rev. Anthony Schoonmaker, who spent his life as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church and had served as a chaplain with a Union regiment during the Civil war. Jacob Hendrickson was born in New York State in 1811 and

his wife in 1813, and they were married in Sullivan County, New York, about 1830. While living in that county two children were born, Benjamin and Jane. They then came west into the wilderness of Northern Ohio, locating north of Berlin Heights in Berlin Township, where their first home was a log cabin, in which Joseph Michael Hendrickson was born. Other children were also born in that humble habitation, and their first outlook on life was a partially cleared wilderness, which as a result of the efforts of two full generations has been succeeded by a district of fertile farms. In 1846 the Hendrickson family returned to New York State, lived there ten years, and then came back to Ohio in 1856, and resumed their location near Berlin Heights. Five years later they moved into Milan Township, and after a residence there finally retired to the home of their daughter, Mrs. P. J. Clark, on the lake shore near Ceylon Junction. The father died there in 1876 and was laid to rest on his birthday, March 23d. His widow passed away at the home of her daughter in Berlin Heights in October, 1895. Joseph M. Hendrickson and his sister, Mrs. Clark, are the only two still living of twelve children. Six of these children grew to maturity and five were married and had children.

The third in the family, and the first to be born in Ohio, Joseph M. Hendrickson was reared partly in Ohio and partly in New York State. Like many other successful men and women in the county he received part of his education from that well known instructor of a previous generation, Job Fish. After his marriage in 1864 he rented a farm in Berlin Township for five years and then moved to the eastern part of the township and bought eighty-three and one-half acres situated on the Berlin and Florence highway. This has since been the scene of his endeavors and has been the place of his home. Under his labors and management the land has been greatly improved and in spite of successive croppings for many years its fertility is greater than ever. This farm at one time had upon it a large double log house, which was a notable landmark in the early social doings of this section of Erie County. It was the general rendezvous for all the young people of the community, who came for miles around on horseback, both the boys and girls, and to the music of the fiddles the young folk danced until the small hours of the morning. During his residence there Mr. Hendrickson has perfected a number of noteworthy improvements. One of these is a large barn 30x60 feet with an adjoining shed, and there are a number of other structures for the shelter of his stock and grain. All the farm buildings are painted red, and his residence is a large roomy house, and the entire environment is one that suggests hospitality, solid comfort, and high ideals. Around the buildings are the fruit orchard, and for many years he has given close attention to his live stock, keeping cattle, hogs and horses, and evidence of his careful and considerate treatment of his stock is found in the fact that there are two horses on the place, one of them twenty-seven and the other twenty-four years of age, and both "still in the harness." He also mantained a flock of graded shoats for several years. The Hendrickson farm is widely known over Erie County as the "Lone Buckeye Farm."

Though most of his life has been spent in Erie County Mr. Hendrickson was married, on August 4, 1863, in Lorain County, to Miss Evaulette Rosella Thomas. She was born in Vermont State, September 13, 1842, of old New England stock, a daughter of William Thomas, who died when she was a child. Her mother, whose maiden name was Hannah Hill, then brought her little family to Lorain County to join her oldest son, who had located there several years previously. Mrs. Hannah Thomas, who died at Oberlin, was one of the most notable of the pioneer women in this section of Northern Ohio. She possessed all the vigor and rugged

kindliness which are associated with the New England character, and all her children and others who came within the circle of her influence cherish her memory and express their gratitude for her many lovely traits of mind and heart.

While in the course of years material prosperity to a more than ordinary degree has rewarded the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Hendrickson, they have reason to take chief pride and find their best solace in their family, many of whom now live around them. They were the parents of ten children, and they now have twenty-five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Their oldest daughter, Lucy, married Philip Glime, and both are now deceased, and their two children have grown up in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hendrickson—Iva is the wife of Mr. Stephens, assistant cashier in the Berlin Heights Bank, and Archie is now a musician in the United States navy, serving on the battleship Utah. Mark, the second child, is a clerk in a mercantile house at Norwalk; he married Bertha Bohrer, and his four children are Hazel, Ella May, Mark, Jr., and Laverne. Preston is a farmer in Milan Township; he married Edith Sanders and has five daughters, Lucile, Margorie, Aletha, Clarice and Frances. Myra is the wife of William Gordon of Berlin Heights, and their three children are Evaulette R., Arthur and Robert. Eva is the wife of Charles Clipson of Berlin Heights, and their children are Raymond and Addison. Maud is the wife of Willis Lowry, a farmer near Berlin Heights, and their children are named Nelson, Dorothy and Albert. Joe is now the active manager of his father's farm; he married Anna Fish, and his children are named Norman, Alma, Helen, Charles and Mildred. Mrs. Lena Judson has one son, William. Earl married Anna Steiger and lives on a farm in Berlin Township and has a daughter named Lena. Helen, the youngest, is still unmarried and lives at home. It is an interesting fact that Job Fish, the educator already mentioned as having furnished Mr. Hendrickson with part of his early instruction, also presided over the school careers of all these children excepting two. Mr. Hendrickson is a strong republican, his sons vote in the same faith, and Mrs. Hendrickson and most of the family are members of the Methodist Church.

Timothy Costigan. For more than forty years, almost half a lifetime, Timothy Costigan has lived at his present home farm on the Ridge Road near Berlin Heights Village. He established himself there in January, 1874, and with the passing years his prosperity has increased and in all that time he has enjoyed the full respect and confidence of the community.

His early life was one of considerable struggle with adversity, and he first became identified with Erie County as a common laborer in a stone quarry. Timothy Costigan was born in Ireland, in the Province of Leinster, between Cork and Dublin, on Christmas Day, December 25, 1849, a son of William and Ellen (Mahar) Costigan, who came to America in 1889 and made their home with their sons until their deaths, the former dying in 1898 and the latter in 1901. Both lie buried at Milan, Ohio. The family is of old and undefiled Irish stock. The father was a son of William, Sr., and Ellen (Clancy) Costigan, who spent all their lives in Ireland and died on their farm in that country. They were of the Catholic religion. Mrs. William Costigan was the daughter of Timothy Mahar, who married a Miss McDonald, and they were also natives of Leinster Province. Timothy Mahar, after the death of his wife, went into England and died at Leeds when seventy-five years of age. He and his family were likewise Catholics. William Costigan, Jr., grew up to farming and took up that as a serious vocation. After his

marriage he followed the industry in Ireland, and four sons and one daughter were born into his household. The daughter, Ellen, is now married and lives in Ireland. The son, Martin, came to the United States, married and lives in Berlin Township, being employed by the Cleveland & South Western "Green Line" Street Car Company, and has a family of two sons. The son Patrick was married in Ireland, came to the United States and located in Erie County, and has a farm on the Ridge Road in Berlin Township; his family consists of one daughter.

Timothy Costigan, the oldest of the children, grew up in Ireland and received only a limited education. In March, 1872, when twenty-three years of age, he embarked on a vessel at Queenstown, the Royal Samaria, Captain Wiley its commander, and two weeks later was landed in Boston. He came on west as far as Sandusky, and afterward came into Berlin Township and found employment with George Baillie in the latter's stone quarry. He continued as foreman of the stone quarry up to 1897, and gained his start by that work. He was industrious, eager to please, and thus won the respect and friendship of Mr. Baillie, who was glad to advance him as rapidly as possible. After the death of Mr. Baillie he turned all his attention to farming and fruit growing. His farm consisted of nearly fifty acres, and he had bought this in small tracts from time to time, forty-two acres of it being within the corporation limits of Berlin Heights Village. He has been successful as a raiser of small fruits and has about five acres of tree fruits, peaches, pears, apples, cherries and plums. He has almost every variety of small fruits, and furnishes a large amount to the market each year. His home is a comfortable nine-room house and the people of Berlin Township regard him as one of its most prosperous citizens.

Since coming to Erie County he married Miss Catherine Maroney. She was born in Munster, Ireland, in 1854, and when nineteen years of age came alone to the United States to join her sister Mary in Berlin Township of Erie County. This sister had married Thomas Sheedy of Connecticut, and they are now living on their farm in Wilson County, Kansas. Mrs. Costigan died at her home in Berlin Township, April 17, 1913. She was reared in the Catholic Church. To their marriage were born seven children: William, who is unmarried and assists his father in the management of the farm; Ellen, the wife of Archbold McLaren, of Cleveland; Mary, who is her father's housekeeper; Timothy, who is now in the western states and is unmarried; Joseph, a commercial salesman for the Fuller Canning Company of Cleveland; Evelyn, who was graduated from the Berlin Heights High School with the class of 1915, and the older children had similar advantages in the way of education; and Charles, who is now in the eighth grade of the public schools. All the children are confirmed members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Costigan is independent in politics.

Peter G. Altvater. When Peter G. Altvater died it was the general expression of community esteem in Margaretta Township, where he had lived for many years, that a successful farmer, a public spirited citizen, a kind husband and father, and a man of irreproachable character and fine integrity had been removed from his position in the township.

A native of Germany, born in that country February 15, 1850, when two years of age he was brought to America by his parents, Peter and Catherine Altvater. The family came almost directly to Erie County, and located at Castalia, where the late Mr. Altvater was reared to manhood, with the incidental acquirement of such advantages as were afforded by the local schools. He became a man of good judgment, noted for his common sense and vigor in all his undertakings, and many of the

substantial results of his efforts are now found on the Altvater farm near Castalia, where Mrs. Altvater resides.

On December 28, 1880, Peter G. Altvater married Fredericka Sick, who was born in Sandusky, August 21, 1852, a daughter of Frederick and Fredericka (Bechtel) Sick. Her mother is now in her eighty-seventh year and lives with Mrs. Altvater. Both Frederick Sick and his wife were born in Germany and in the spring of 1848 left that country, about the time of the high tide of emigration from the German provinces, and spent sixty-three days on a sailing vessel before they were landed in New York City. From there they came on to Erie County, lived in Sandusky until 1863, and then established their home on a farm in Margaretta Township near Venice. Mr. Sick was a tailor by trade, and followed that occupation in Sandusky until his removal to the farm in Margaretta Township, after which he became a substantial agriculturist and died in that community February 27, 1914, when in his ninetieth year. The esteem which he enjoyed in the community was represented by a large following of loyal friends. In the old country he had served in the German army.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Altvater. Arthur F. lives in Margaretta Township, married Myrtle Jump and their two sons are named Emerson and Lowell. The second son, Frank E., now lives with his mother on the Altvater homestead in Margaretta Township.

While his business as a farmer required many years of close attention and hard work, Mr. Altvater did not neglect his public duties, and was honored with the office of trustee and also as a member of the board of education in his home township. In politics he was a republican and was a member of the Congregational Church. The substantial results of his career are seen in the Altvater homestead, which contains 122 acres, all well improved and making a splendid home for Mrs. Altvater. This farm is situated two miles north of Castalia. Mrs. Altvater was reared in Sandusky, and after her marriage she and her husband lived in Castalia several years, and from there moved to the present homestead in Margaretta Township.

Cyrus C. Knapp. More than a century ago George Washington said that "agriculture is the most useful and honorable occupation of man," and the truth of this statement stands today as it did then. A prominent representative of this class in Erie County, who is also noted as a stock breeder, is Cyrus C. Knapp, of Margaretta Township. Mr. Knapp was born in Putnam County, New York, January 7, 1847, a son of Gilbert and Cynthia C. (Chase) Knapp, who also were natives of that county. In 1848, with his wife and family, Gilbert Knapp came to Erie County, Ohio, settling in Margaretta Township, on the farm now owned by his son, the subject of this article. Here he devoted himself to agriculture and in time became one of the prominent and representative citizens of the township. His span of life exceeded the scriptural allotment of three score years and ten, as he died honored and respected when in his seventy-third year. Of his children there are now three survivors: James H., who resides in Republic, Ohio, and John T. and Cyrus C., of Margaretta Township, Erie County.

Cyrus C. Knapp was reared to man's estate in Margaretta Township, and acquired his education in its public schools and in the high school at Milan, Ohio. Brought up to farm life from his youth, he has made it his vocation and has attained a high place among the successful and prosperous agriculturists and stock raisers of this locality. His farm contains 170 acres of good land and, in addition to the usual barns and out-buildings there is a fine residence, built in 1910, which is one of

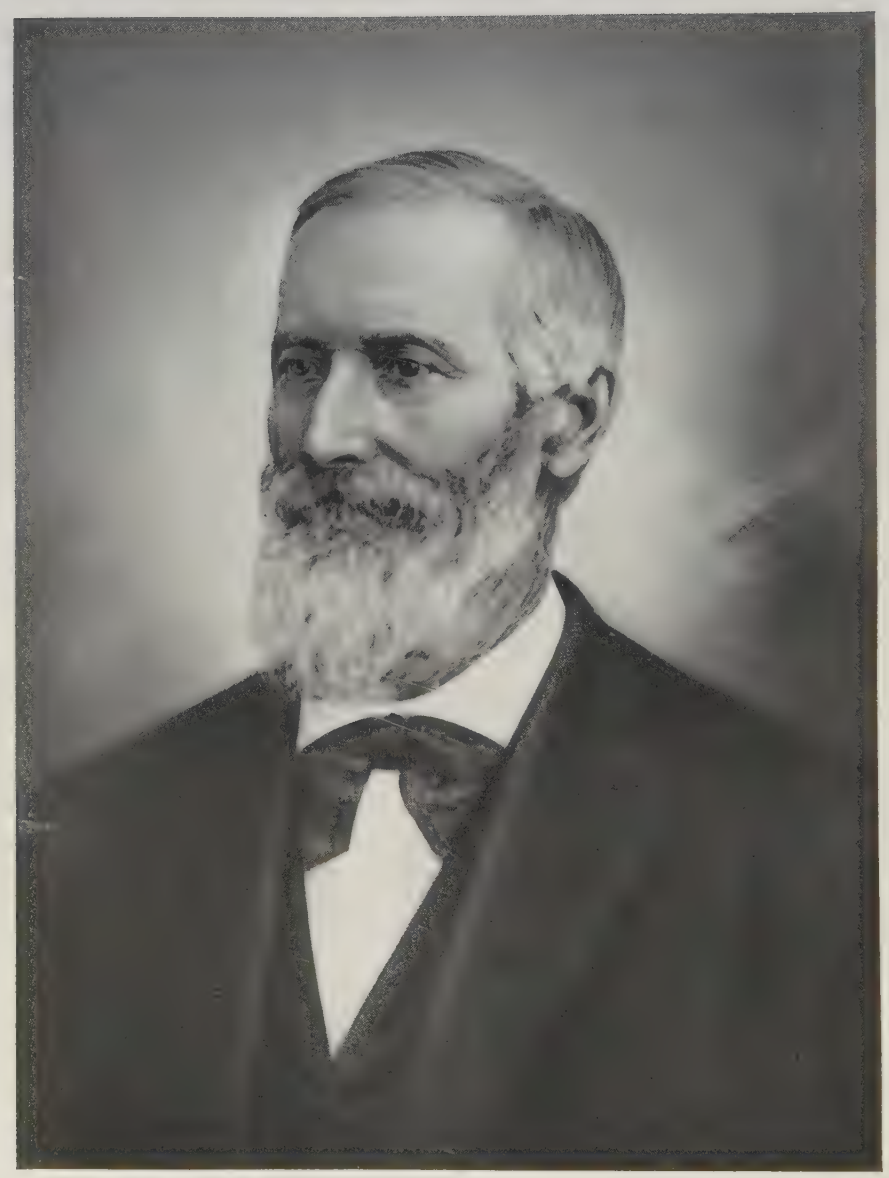
the most beautiful homes in Northern Ohio. As a breeder of shorthorn Durham cattle and Merino sheep, Mr. Knapp is associated with his brother, John T., the firm being known as Knapp Brothers. In this department also, as in agriculture, he has been highly successful, the reputation of the firm extending far and wide. That his business ability is recognized throughout the county may be inferred from the fact that he is one of the directors of the Castalia Banking Company, of Castalia, Ohio. In politics he is a republican with independent proclivities.

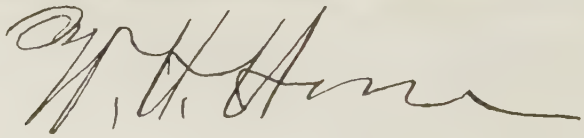
Cyrus C. Knapp was married, June 10, 1903, to Cora C. Schoewe, who was born in Erie County, Ohio, the daughter of Edward Schoewe, of Margaretta Township. Four children have been born to them, namely: Gilbert S., Melvin E., James W. and John T. Enjoying a comfortable prosperity, and with the esteem and confidence of his neighbors and fellow townsmen, Mr. Knapp is a notable example of what a man may attain to by industry and perseverance, backed by intelligence and integrity.

Levi M. Coughenour. The elements of character depicted in the best type of American manhood are energy, enterprise, integrity and a loyal spirit manifested by devotion to the general good along lines pertaining to public progress and improvement. Among the citizens of Erie County who exhibit these qualities in a marked degree is Levi M. Coughenour, of Margaretta Township. Mr. Coughenour was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, March 21, 1850, the son of Moses and Susan (Coulson) Coughenour, both parents being natives of the Keystone State. The paternal family is of German origin, but has been settled in this country many years, as Daniel Coughenour, the grandfather of the subject of this memoir, served as a soldier in the War of 1812. The Coulsons, on the other hand, are of English and Welsh extraction.

Levi M. Coughenour was reared in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, where in his boyhood he attended the public schools. Subsequently he became a student at Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio, where he spent one year. Coming to Erie County, Ohio, in the spring of 1870, he took up his residence in Huron Township, where he spent two summers and one winter. After teaching two winter terms of school in Perkins Township, in the spring of 1873 he came to Margaretta Township, of which he has since been practically a continuous resident. For twenty years he followed the profession of teacher in Perkins and Margaretta Townships, showing a high order of capacity and gaining the love and respect of his pupils, many of whom, now grown to manhood and womanhood, are prominent members of their respective communities, and hold their old-time teacher in grateful remembrance. For four years Mr. Coughenour served as assistant clerk in the Ohio State Prison, at Columbus, and later was clerk for three years to the secretary of the Ohio State Board of Agriculture, at Columbus. He was a director and is now secretary of the Erie County Farmers Insurance Company, having been a director for a number of years, and secretary since the death of the late J. D. Parker, the former incumbent of that office. From 1879 to 1882 he was the efficient clerk of Margaretta Township. In all these various capacities Mr. Coughenour has shown himself a hard and conscientious worker, faithful to every trust, and efficient in whatever he has undertaken to do. He takes a special interest in the cause of education, being himself a close student and reader and keeping well abreast of all the important topics of the times. In politics he is a republican. He is a Free Mason and belongs to Erie Commandery, K. T., at Sandusky.

On March 31, 1878, Mr. Coughenour was united in marriage with Emily A. Dwight, who was born in Margaretta Township, this county.





a daughter of Roswell and Elosia (Skidmore) Dwight. Both her parents were from New England, the father being a native of Massachusetts and the mother of Vermont. In 1838 they came from Massachusetts to Erie County, Ohio, settling in Margaretta Township, where they were practically pioneers, there being but few other settlers here at the time. Their first dwelling was a log house, but gradually they improved their surroundings until they were numbered among the prosperous residents of the township. Mr. Dwight was politically affiliated with the republican party and at one time served as township trustee. He died in 1885, his wife, who survived him several years, passing away in 1900. Mr. Coughenour is a man widely known and esteemed throughout this locality, being ever ready to do a neighborly act or to support to the extent of his ability any practical measure for the moral or material betterment of the community.

William Henry Hine. It would be impossible to give a just account of the community of Berlin Township without repeated reference to the Hine family. For almost a century that community has been continuously honored and benefited by the presence within its borders of some of the active and influential people of this name. In the character of its individuals and in their public services no family in Erie County has been more distinguished and it is impossible to estimate the strength and diversity of the influences which emanate from such worthy people and affect the social and business affairs of the county even to its most remote bounds.

Conspicuous as representative of this name was the late William Henry Hine, who was born in Berlin Township near what is now the Village of Shinrock on August 12, 1821, and after living to be more than fourscore he died at his home August 2, 1903. His parents came from Connecticut and both in time of coming and in intrinsic worth deserve mention as among "the first families." His parents were Jarred and Elizabeth, better known as Betsey (Minor) Hine. Jarred Hine was a son of Daniel and Sarah (Cowles) Hine, who spent all their lives in Connecticut. The Hine family lived at Bethlehem and the Minors at Waterbury, Connecticut. Not long after the marriage of Jarred and Betsey Hine they set out in 1816 to occupy a portion of the wilderness in Northern Ohio. This journey was made with team and wagon, and they spent six weeks between Connecticut and Erie County. They passed through Buffalo when it was a hamlet of twelve houses, and the site of the present great City of Cleveland had only sixteen homes. From Cleveland it was necessary to follow a trail made by blazed trees to their permanent location at what is now Shinrock in the western part of Berlin Township, on what subsequently came to be known as the Berlin Heights and Huron Road. When the Hines family arrived in Berlin Township the total population comprised only nine families. It would be difficult to exaggerate the wildness and primitiveness of this country at that time. Their first home was a log cabin, and the rude opening which served them for a door had only a blanket to keep out the wind and weather, and the family tradition says that on one or two occasions a curious bear poked his head under this blanket and frightened the inmates. The wolves howled about, Indians were not infrequent visitors, and for several years the greater part of the provisions which stocked the family larder was the wild game found everywhere in abundance. Jarred and Betsey Hine were people of education and well fitted for the responsibilities of leadership in a new community. Jarred was by profession a trained lawyer, and for a number of years served as a justice of the peace, and often held court in his own home. The old settlers

frequently related incidents illustrating his promptness and vigorous decision, and he was esteemed for his sterling integrity and shrewd common sense in dispensing justice from his inferior court. He lived a life of convictions and high principles and at the same time was known for his exceeding generosity to the poor. His wife was well fitted for her position, and had come into the wilds of Erie County a cultured woman unused to hardship, but facing it with a remarkable cheerfulness and courage. She had taught school in her native state, and was a woman who looked well after her household, and many stories have been told of her firm but kindly character. The fact that her home was for several years a temple of justice for the community brought to it all classes of people, and she frequently had to exercise her authority as a methodical and strict housekeeper in forbidding the unruly and boisterous conduct of those who assembled at the trials presided over by her husband. Jarred Hine in early days was a whig. He died at the large homestead in Berlin Township December 14, 1844, at the age of fifty-six. His wife passed away February 22, 1866.

The late William Henry Hine was an only child of his parents. He inherited many of the fine qualities of character and intelligence which were found in both his father and mother. He grew up on the old farm at Shinrock, and was a little past manhood when his father died, and he then took over the old homestead of 167 acres and long before his death had made of it one of the best farms in Erie County. He was a man who readily adopted and introduced progressive ideas in farming, and was always a leader in this industry. He acquired other farms in the county and prospered in the raising of general crops, stock and fruit. It was on the old homestead that he spent his last years.

The last Mr. Hine was perhaps best known to the business community as a banker. A little more than thirty years ago he established the Berlin Heights Banking Company, and all the people of Berlin Township are aware that this business is still in flourishing existence. He was president of the bank from the organization until his death, and his fine judgment was largely responsible for its prosperity. The bank started with a capitalization of $50,000, and the business is still conducted on that basis. In his time two branches were established, one at Huron and one at Waitman in Huron County. A member of the present board of directors is the only daughter of the late Mr. Hine.

This daughter, Elizabeth Elvora Hine, was born on the old homestead at Shinrock in 1851, a daughter of William Henry and Fanny (Green) Hine. Fanny Green was born in Berlin Heights Village, January 24, 1825, and was likewise of the pioneer stock in this section of Northern Ohio. She died in Berlin Township April 11, 1893. She spent all her life in the county, and was a woman of noble characteristics and did a vast amount of good not only to those bound to her by ties of blood and kinship but to every needy member of her community. The Green family originated and long had their home in Rhode Island, and she was also related to the Websters of Massachusetts.

Miss Hine, who is now living at the Village of Berlin Heights, was educated in the public schools of Huron County and in Lake Erie College at Painsville. She developed a considerable talent as an artist in oils and was a student in that art under Mrs. Doctor Goodsell of Norwalk. In 1904 Miss Hine bought a fine ten-room brick home on South Street in Berlin Heights, and there she has spent most of her time when not traveling. She is a woman of broad interests, liberal sympathies, and in many ways has shown her public spirit in her relations to her native county. She is president of the Tuesday Tourist Club, the principal woman's literary society at Berlin Heights, and is also an active member

of the W. C. T. U. She attends the Presbyterian Church, and is a former treasurer and member of the Home Missionary Society.

STEPHEN H. WHITE. The character of a man can usually be gauged by the general opinion of his fellow men, and the extent to which they are willing to entrust him with the safe-guarding of their individual or general interests. Hence, men holding important offices are usually men of some force and stability of character, in whose ability and honesty the people have confidence. Among such is Stephen H. White, trustee of Margaretta Township, Erie County, Ohio, who was elected to his present office in November, 1913, took up its duties in the following January, and has served capably up to the present time. Mr. White is a native of this township, having been born on the farm on which he now resides, May 22, 1862. He is, therefore, now in the prime of life, in full possession of all his powers and faculties. He is a son of John White, an early settler in Margaretta Township and for many years one of its prominent citizens, who died March 23, 1883. John White was a man of force and character and was one of that brave army of men who, in the darkest days of our country's history left home and friends and risked their lives to save the Union from dismemberment. Serving three years as a soldier in the Northern armies, he took part in numerous battles, and at one time was a prisoner in the hands of the Confederates. He belonged to the Masons and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was at all times an upright man and a dependable citizen. In politics he was a republican. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary L. Rogers, and who still survives him, being now in her eightieth year, was born in Margaretta Township, this county, a daughter of Stephen H. Rogers, who in his day was a well known agriculturist and lime burner, and a reliable and respected citizen. Her mother is said to have been the first white child born in this township, and they were both, husband and wife, among the very early settlers here. John and Mary L. White had two children: Sophia E., now the wife of D. N. Williams, of Milan, Ohio, and Stephen H., who was named after his maternal grandfather.

Stephen H. White was reared to man's estate in his native township, in his boyhood attending its public schools. His education was subsequently continued at the Western Reserve Normal School, at Milan, Ohio, which he attended for about three winter terms. His industrial activities since early youth have been connected with farming, and he is now the owner of a good farm of sixty-five acres, well supplied with substantial buildings, including a commodious residence, the whole property being kept in excellent condition. Mr. White is both an industrious and a progressive citizen. For several years he served as a member of the board of education of Margaretta Township, and has always taken a keen interest in the condition and efficiency of the public schools. In fact, any practical measure for the welfare of the community, whether moral or material, meets with his hearty sympathy and support. He belongs to the Sons of Veterans and in politics is a republican.

December 16, 1885, Stephen H. White was united in marriage with Nettie P. Jones, a daughter of Henry C. Jones (now deceased) of Margaretta Township, this county. Of their union there has been one child, a daughter, Leonora E., who is now the wife of Albert H. Prout, of Margaretta Township, and has one son, A. Howard Prout.

HENRY M. BROWN. The true worth of a man is found in the useful work he has done, and the truly representative citizens of a town,

county or state are those who have in any noteworthy manner contributed to its upbuilding, improvement and commercial prosperity. A biographical review of Erie County, Ohio, would be incomplete without mention of Henry M. Brown, the popular postmaster of Venice, Margaretta Township, who is also one of the township's leading business men. Mr. Brown may be called a native son in the fullest sense of the word, for he was born here October 8, 1872, his parents, Church and Elizabeth L. (Moore) Brown, being also natives of the township, where they still reside. The paternal grandfather, Solomon Brown, though not born here, was only four years old when he arrived in the township with his parents, they being among the pioneer settlers here. Since that time the family has been closely identified with the development of this locality, contributing to its improvement and doing their full part as good and reliable citizens.

Henry M. Brown was educated in the public schools of Margaretta Township and in the high school at Castalia, Ohio. He soon became self-supporting and since early manhood has been engaged in various industrial avocations, perhaps the most important of which was his dredging the mouth of the race of Sandusky Bay at Venice, which he did several years ago. This was a most valuable improvement and has been highly beneficial to Venice, giving it much better shipping facilities. In 1897 Mr. Brown engaged in business at Venice as a dealer in agricultural implements and is still thus occupied. On July 28, 1906, he was appointed to his present position as postmaster, the duties of which he has performed to the satisfaction of all the inhabitants of the township who receive their mail from this office. As a business man he is honest, enterprising and accommodating, and enjoys in a high degree the confidence of his fellow citizens, who know that in trading with him they may be sure of a "square deal." He is a member of the K. O. T. M. at Crystal Rock, Ohio; also of the Vigilantes at Castalia, this county. A republican in politics, he served seven years as a member of the school board, his work in this capacity being highly creditable. At all times he has shown a keen interest in the improvement of local conditions and his fellow townsmen know that they can always count upon his aid, influence or advice in support of a worthy cause.

Mr. Brown married Almeda Heimlich, a daughter of Charles Heimlich of Venice, Erie County, Ohio, and he and his wife are the parents of a son, Arlo R. Brown.

James G. Snowden. A veteran of the Civil war and for more than half a cenutry a resident of Margaretta Township, Mr. Snowden's career is in every way an appropriate subject for biographical mention in the annals of Erie County. He comes of old American stock, and few men have a better and more distinguished ancestral background. Mr. Snowden is a grandson of Rev. Samuel Finley and Susan Bayard (Breese) Snowden, and before taking up the individual career of this well known resident of Margaretta Township it will be appropriate to introduce some data pertaining to the Breese and Snowden families in earlier generations.

The Breese family was established in America by Sidney Breese, who was born in England, where he was an ardent sympathizer of the Stuart dynasty, and was about to mount his horse to join the army of the young pretender when word arrived that Charles Edward had been defeated by the royal forces. Sidney Breese afterwards served as an officer in the English navy, but his heart was not in the service, and consequently, about 1753, he emigrated to America, and in the following year married Elizabeth Pinkerman of New York State.

The only child of Sidney and Elizabeth Breese to reach maturity was Col. Samuel Breese, mentioned below. In New York City Sidney Breese engaged in the mercantile business and was eminently successful. He died in 1767, and is buried in old Trinity Churchyard. His reputation for eccentricity probably finds its chief foundation in the inscription on his tombstone, which is as follows:

Sidney Breese
June 9—1767
Made by himself
Ha! Sidney, Sidney,
lyest thou here?
I here lie
Till time has flown
To its eternity.

Sidney Breese invested in tracts of land in Herkimer County, New York, and also in New Jersey. His son Samuel finally settled on the latter, naming the place Shrewsbury for his father's old home in England. In the summer of 1778 and during 1779, when New Jersey ground was the field of battle, the residents of that colony suffered great financial loss, and one of these patriots was Samuel Breese of Shrewsbury. When the battle of Monmouth was fought—that battle which in anticipation was to be such a glorious victory and which by the treachery of Lee came near being a dismal failure—the home of Colonel Breese lay between the two armies, and his losses were unusually heavy. He had early been very active in the cause of the colonies and on May 27, 1775, was chosen as a member of the committee of observation, and also a member of a sub-committee to instruct deputies attending the State Congress at Trenton. He was colonel of the Third Regiment of Monmouth County Militia. In 1776 he resigned his commission, it is said, because of the backwardness of the people in espousing the cause.

Samuel Breese married for his first wife Rebecca, daughter of Rev. Samuel Finley, D. D., president of the College of New Jersey, as Princeton University was then called. One daughter, Elizabeth Ann, was born to this union, the wife dying soon after at the early age of eighteen. This daughter married Jedidiah Morse, the author of the early school geography, and was the mother of Samuel Finley Breese Morse, the inventor of practicable telegraphy. In the "Belknap Papers" there is an interesting correspondence between Samuel Belknap, Ebenezer Hazard and Samuel Breese concerning the birth of this first grandchild of the latter.

Samuel Breese married for his second wife Elizabeth Anderson, whose parents both died when she was but a baby. She was the granddaughter of Rev. James Anderson, a Presbyterian clergyman who came from Scotland to Virginia in 1709 and was the first minister in the Presbytery of Newcastle. She was, however, brought up in the family of her great-grandfather, Peter Chevalier, of Philadelphia. It is recorded of her that she was a woman of great excellence. Col. Samuel Breese died at Shrewsbury in 1800 and his burial place is well marked, having been kept in good repair by his descendants. As will be shown, Col. Samuel Breese was one of the great-grandfathers of James G. Snowden.

Some twenty or thirty years before the ship Welcome brought William Penn to the shores of America, there had sailed up the Delaware another party of Englishmen, who settled among the Swedes at or near what was later known as Old Chester. Among these was one

John Snowden, who had been thrown in prison for preaching the Quaker faith at Knaresborough, Yorkshire, England. Upon his release, with a brother and sister, he emigrated to the land of religious liberty. Here he became a man of much prominence, owning large tracts of land on both sides of the Delaware. He was one of the proprietors of West Jersey, and as such signed the concessions in 1677. He was associate judge of Bucks County in 1704 and in 1712 represented Bucks County in the Provincial Assembly. He moved to Philadelphia in 1720 and died there in 1736, at the ripe age of one hundred and four years.

John Snowden, the second, lived in Philadelphia many years before his father moved there. He was one of the founders of the First Presbyterian Church of that city, and was the first regularly ordained elder of the Presbyterian Church in America, being ordained in 1704. He lived on Second Street, below Walnut, his property extending from Second Street to Dock Creek. It remained in the family for three generations, covering a period of 125 years.

Rev. Nathaniel Randolph Snowden, who was born in this house in 1770, has left in his diary an interesting description of this old place that sounds very strange in these days. He wrote of "The beautiful stream that flowed behind his father's garden, with grand old trees on both sides," and recalled with fond memories his boyhood days, when he and his brothers "went fishing in Dock Creek and gathered quantities of fine blackberries that grew beside the stream." The old number of this house was No. 141 South Second Street.

The second wife of John Snowden and the mother of his children was Ruth, the daughter of Benjamin Fitz-Randolph of the family that had been very prominent in New England and New Jersey in the colonial days. Her brother was Nathaniel Fitz-Randolph, a Revolutionary captain of Princeton, who gave the land to the trustees of Princeton College on which Nassau Hall now stands. The Fitz-Randolphs, as the name indicates, were of Norman descent. Their ancestor went to England with William the Conqueror, and was a lineal descendent of the Dukes of Brittany.

Isaac Snowden, son of John, was quartermaster of the Fourth Battalion of the Philadelphia Associators under Col. Thomas McKeen, in active service from 1775 to 1777. He, with his brother Jedidiah, was a commissioner under the act of Congress to sign continental currency from 1777 to 1779. There are several of these continental notes in existence bearing his signature—one in Independence Hall, four at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's Rooms, one in Harvard Library, of which John Fiske gives a facsimile in his "History of the United States."

The Snowdens were numerous in the American army, and as far as can be learned were all American patriots. Isaac was so ardent a patriot that during the British occupation of Philadelphia he and his family were obliged to flee for safety to the summer home in Princeton.

Isaac Snowden was a man of ability and filled many offices of trust. He was treasurer of the City and County of Philadelphia from 1780 to 1782; was one of the early members of the state in Schuylkill; charter member of the Second Presbyterian Church; first treasurer of the First General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States; trustee and treasurer of Princeton College, during which time he, with Mr. Bayard, advanced the money for Dr. John Witherspoon's trip to Europe to look after the interests of the United States. Five of Isaac Snowden's sons were graduates of Princeton, three of them becoming distinguished Presbyterian clergymen.

It was Rev. Samuel Finley, the third son of Isaac Snowden, who married Susan Bayard, daughter of Col. Samuel Breese, and from

this union one of the children was Ebenezer H. Snowden, father of James G. Snowden of Margaretta Township.

James G. Snowden was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, April 29, 1839, a son of Ebenezer H. and Elizabeth A. (Smith) Snowden, his father a native of New Jersey and his mother of Florida. Mr. Snowden was reared in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and when about nineteen years of age, in 1858, arrived in Erie County, Ohio. For a time he rented land near Castalia, and then went South and was at Memphis and in that vicinity when the war broke out. Returning to Erie County, he remained here until his enlistment in May, 1864, in Company I of the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. With his regiment he was assigned to guard duty at Washington, District of Columbia, on the Virginia side of the Potomac. He was in the service ninety days, and was given his honorable discharge in September, 1864. Prior to the war, in 1861, Mr. Snowden located on the land included in his present farm in Margaretta Township, a short distance south of the Village of Castalia. There he has a fine farm, largely developed by his labor and under his direction, comprising 220 acres, which he has employed for the raising of the staple crops and has been particularly successful as a sheep raiser, keeping fine grades of the Merino sheep.

Mr. Snowden married for his first wife Mrs. Rilda M. Bardshar, a sister of Jay C. Smith of Castalia. By this union there are three children, Margaret G., widow of William Harmon, late of Tiffin, Ohio, and Mrs. Harmon is now living at home with her father; Samuel H., whose home is in Margaretta Township; and Ethel S., wife of George C. Jackson of Akron, Ohio. Mr. Snowden married for his present wife Mrs. Ann S. Graves. She is a daughter of Salmon and Lucy A. (Bardwell) Graves, both of whom were born at Hatfield, Massachusetts, and became early settlers of Margaretta Township, locating in this part of Erie County about 1834.

Mr. Snowden has had an active and busy career, and has done his part as a citizen. He is a republican in politics, has served as trustee of Margaretta Township and has always been willing to put himself in the van of progressive movements in that locality. He is an adherent of the Presbyterian Church and keeps up his associations with old army comrades in the Grand Army Post at Castalia. His daughter, Mrs. Margaret Harmon, is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

John H. Neuscheler. The true glory of a state lies in the character of the men and women who form the mass of its population—its bankers, merchants, farmers and tradesmen, its doctors, lawyers and preachers; in a word, its workers of every kind; these, indeed, form the state, as they are to some extent formed by it, their lives and achievements being the result of opportunity multiplied by energy and intelligence. What is true of a state in the general sense of the term is true also of each of its component parts. Among the various counties of Ohio, that of Erie possesses its full share of earnest, enterprising and reliable citizens in various walks of life, who, whether of native or foreign birth or antecedents, are imbued with true Americanism and are thoroughly representative of the institutions and spirit of this country. Such a one may be found in the subject of this sketch, John H. Neuscheler, proprietor of the grain elevator at Venice, Margaretta Township. Mr. Neuscheler is a native American, having been born at Sandusky, Ohio, September 12, 1859. His parents, Gottlieb and Mary A. Neuscheler, were born in Germany, and, after coming to this country, resided in Sandusky, Ohio, for a number of years, but in 1860, when their son John

was an infant, they settled on a farm in Margaretta Township, where they passed the rest of their lives.

John H. Neuscheler was reared on his parents' farm, in his boyhood attending the township schools. Brought up to an agricultural life, he engaged in it later for himself and now owns a small farm of something over thirteen acres, which, however, he has not personally operated since 1890. In 1889 he engaged in the agricultural implement business at Venice, conducting it until 1902, at which time he sold out to Henry M. Brown, its present owner. Subsequently for about four years he was a traveling salesman for what is now known as the International Harvester Company, selling their goods mainly in Ohio territory. In 1909 he engaged in his present business as dealer in hard and soft coal, grain and seeds, hay, flour, mill feed and salt, at the same time building his elevator, which is a good substantial structure. By close attention to business, united with strict integrity, he has built up a good trade and is enjoying a comfortable prosperity, which is the more gratifying as being solely due to his own efforts. As a citizen he is public spirited, taking a lively interest in whatever concerns the good of his township or county. He served creditably for three years as township assessor and is a strong friend of the public schools and the cause of education in general. In politics he is a republican, while his religious affiliations are with the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Neuscheler is a family man, his wife in maidenhood having been Catherine E. Moore, of Venice, this county, a daughter of Henry Moore, now deceased. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Neuscheler is brightened by the presence of five children—M. Jane, Agnes, Zella, Carrol and Isabel.

Silas German. Groton Township has had no more representative and useful citizen during the past half century than Silas German. While not among the earliest pioneers, he has performed a work of improvement which will long be in evidence in one of the beautiful farms of Groton Township. His career includes service as a soldier in the Civil war, and every responsibility and duty has been creditably met and discharged by this venerable citizen.

Now past the age of fourscore, Silas German was born in Steuben County, New York, May 28, 1834, a son of Andrew T. and Hannah (Force) German. His father was born in Dutchess County, New York, and his mother was also a native of New York State. Andrew T. German was a son of Henry German, also a native of Dutchess County, New York, while Henry's father is said to have come from Germany and settled in Dutchess County about the year 1770, several years before the outbreak of the Revolutionary war. Andrew T. German spent most of his life in Steuben County, New York, and died there when his son Silas was ten years of age.

Steuben County was the home of Silas German during the first twenty years of his life. He gained his early education in the schools at Tyrone in that county, lived at home and helped his mother in the management of the home farm, and then starting out on his independent career soon arrived in Erie County, where for several years he lived in the vicinity of Castalia. He later moved into Groton Township, and in 1884 settled on the farm which has been under his management and in his possession for more than thirty years. This is a farm which at once attracts attention from passers by, comprising an acreage of 116, with evidences of good management on every hand. Mr. German some years ago built one of the modern country homes on his farm, and has shown a great deal of thrift and enterprise in all his undertakings.

In 1858 he married Louisa L. Smith, who was born in Groton Town-

ship, and who became the mother of three children: James, now deceased; Scott, who lives in Groton Township and is now serving as justice of the peace; and Ada L., wife of Robert Waldon of Kenosha, Wisconsin. After the death of his first wife Silas German married Maria Brooks, who was born in Seneca County, Ohio, and died in December, 1912. She became the mother of six children. The three now deceased were named Grant, Erva and Mary. Those living are: Jay, of Groton Township; Nettie, wife of A. J. Clemmons of Birmingham, Ohio; and Bert, of Groton Township.

While making a success of his own business affairs Mr. German has not been inattentive to the calls of public duty. In the early days he served a year, in 1859, as assessor of Groton Township. He has always been an active and an ardent supporter of the public schools of the township, and often served on the school board or in any capacity necessary for the advancement of education. He has usually been an independent in politics, voting for the man best fitted for the office rather than for the party candidate. His service as a soldier in the Civil war was in the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and for about four months he was stationed in the vicinity of Washington on guard duty, chiefly at Arlington Heights, and spent much of his time on the old estate of Robert E. Lee. He also went to Cincinnati in 1862 as one of the Squirrel Hunters. After this service he received his honorable discharge, and has since kept up his associations with old army comrades by membership in the Grand Army Post at Castalia.

Lee S. Weed. A representative of one of the sterling pioneer families of Erie County, Mr. Weed has lived here all his life and has witnessed the wonderful transformations in every department of human endeavor during the last century. He has been one of the prominent agriculturists and influential citizens of Perkins Township for many years, giving earnest support to those agencies that make for the general good of the community.

Born in Sandusky, June 1, 1849, Lee S. Weed is a son of William and Sarah (Sanford) Weed, both of whom were born in Connecticut and belonged to colonial families of New England. In the late '30s William Weed came with his family to Erie County, and for a number of years lived at Sandusky, which was then a small village. He was there during the memorable cholera epidemic, a full account of which will be found on the pages of history in this publication, and his own service during that scourge was in manufacturing coffins for the dead, besides ministering as fully as he could to those afflicted with disease and suffering. He removed with his family to a farm in Perkins Township about 1854, and did a great deal to improve his land in the course of years. A man of strong character, of great industry and sterling integrity in all the relations of life, he commanded popular esteem and kept an influential place in local affairs. He was a republican, and he and his wife were both active in church work. He died about a quarter of a century ago and his wife passed away a few years later. There were nine children born to them, three of whom are still living and are as follows: Georgiana, widow of Lafayette Baird, and residing at Corona, California; Hiram J., a resident of Chickasaw County, Iowa, and Lee S., of Perkins.

Lee S. Weed was reared to maturity in the township that has been his place of residence during all his life, and since reaching manhood has gained a substantial place as a successful agriculturist and representative citizen. In addition to his advantages in the common schools of Perkins Township he completed a course in the Buckeye Business College at Sandusky. Mr. Weed in politics is a republican, but he has

never been ambitious for public office. He gave some effective service while a member of the board of trustees of Perkins Township.

He married Mrs. Mary A. (Milner) Denman, widow of John Denman, and daughter of Thomas Milner, who was a native of England and for many years prior to his death a substantial citizen of Perkins Township. Mrs. Weed died in 1910. There are no children.

Benjamin F. Reighley. Berlin Township lost one of its most substantial citizens in the death of Benjamin F. Reighley at his home near Berlin Heights on September 29, 1909. While the community felt that his taking away was premature, he had already accomplished a great deal, and left his widow and family well provided both in this world's goods and in the public esteem which his character and activities had won.

Sixty years of age when he died, Benjamin F. Reighley was born at Doylestown in Wayne County, Ohio, March 31, 1849. His father, John G. Reighley, was born in Pennsylvania March 23, 1812, and early in life acquired the trade of cabinet maker and carpenter. His father, George Reighley, made a record as a soldier in the War of 1812, and spent his last years in Ohio, passing away in Erie County. The family is of German ancestry. John George Reighley was brought to Erie County when young, and was married in Medina County to Rachel Greenhoe, who was born in Ohio, a daughter of Michael and Adelia Greenhoe, who were probably born in Germany about 1800 and came to the United States with their parents. Though the members of this family subsequently became prosperous, they were poor when they emigrated and had to spend some months after their arrival in this country in working out as indentured servants to pay for the passage across the ocean. Michael Greenhoe and his wife died when quite well advanced in years in Medina County, Ohio. John G. Reighley for a number of years followed his trade at Doylestown and lived there until his death at the age of forty-four. He left a widow and five children. Two children, George W. and Anna, had died in infancy, and the five that survived him were: Mary, Sarah, Peter, Amanda and Benjamin F. Of these Peter and Amanda are still living in Erie County, and the daughter Mary is also living. The widow of John G. Reighley married for her second husband John Young, and by this union there was one son, Charles, who died after his marriage. Mr. Young had eleven children by his first wife. John Young died in Lorain County and his second wife in Erie County. They were members of the Lutheran Church.

Benjamin F. Reighley was reared and educated in Erie County, his parents having settled there when he was a child. Growing up he adopted the career of farmer, and made that the basis for a considerable prosperity. In 1900 he bought 126 acres in Berlin Township along the State Road not far from Berlin Heights. Took possession of this place in the following year, and it was the scene of his successful endeavors until his death. Mr. Reighley was a man of fine character, quite active in democratic circles, and left to his descendants an untarnished reputation.

On December 23, 1869, in Erie County he married Miss Alice M. Minkler. She was born on the old Harlow Case farm not far from where she now lives on March 8, 1850. Her education was quite thorough, and at one time she had the advantages of instruction from Job Fish, in his time one of the best known teachers in Erie County. Prior to her marriage she was herself a teacher, and since the death of her husband has been a capable director of his estate, and now shares with her son Orlando P. in the management of the farm and its ownership. The

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home comprises a large and well furnished twelve-room house, and surrounding it is a group of farm buildings, one barn standing on a foundation 38x44 feet, the horse barn being 24x24, the sheep barn 20x50 feet, and all are substantial structures and indicate the excellent management which prevails over the entire place. One feature of the farm is an orchard of 500 peach trees, while the fields grow large crops of wheat, corn, oats and potatoes, and a large number of high grade stock are the direct source of the income.

Mrs. Reighley is a daughter of Alvin and Nancy (Driver) Minkler. Her father was born in Geauga County, Ohio, December 10, 1824, and her mother was born January 30, 1830, in Maryland, and came with her parents, Wesley and Ruth (Barnes) Driver, to Erie County in 1835. The members of the Driver family were farmers, spent the rest of their lives in Vermilion Township, and were members of the Methodist Church. Alvin Minkler was also a farmer and died in Vermilion Township May 15, 1904. His parents were John and Asenath (Call) Minkler, who were born in Grand Isle, Vermont, and coming to Ohio settled in Geauga County and later in Erie County. They died in Vermilion Township, Mr. Minkler at the age of eighty-six and his wife at eighty. He was a whig in politics, and the family were Methodists. Mrs. Reighley was the oldest of five children. Her brother Orlando is a prosperous farmer in Lorain County, and has two sons, Earl and Clifford, and a daughter, Luverne. The sister Mina, who died in 1912, was the wife of Jacob Lippus, who is a farmer at Berlin Heights, and has two children, Winfield and Alvin. Mrs. Reighley's sister Dora is the widow of M. E. Buckley, and she lives at Brownhelm in Lorain County, and has three children, Eleanor, Carmen and Nellie. Her brother Elmer is a farmer in Lorain County, and has five children—Lee, Hazel, Ruth, Clyde and Laura.

Mrs. Reighley's oldest child is Alice M., who received liberal advantages and for the past twenty years has been one of the successful teachers in Erie County and still pursues that vocation, making her home with her mother. Leona Ann is now the wife of William Coultrip, Jr., a farmer in Lorain County, and their children are named Merle May and Myron Paul. The son Orlando Peter, who was educated in the public schools and finished at the Northern Ohio University at Ada, spent several years in teaching, but has since developed into a capable farmer, owning part of the old homestead and managing the cultivation of all the land left by his father. Orlando P. Reighley married Helen Champney, who was born in Vermilion Township and educated there. Their one child is John Francis, now six years old. Mrs. Reighley was reared in the United Brethren Church, and her husband was a democrat in national politics.

David J. Stephens. On the east side of Berlin Township is located "The Rock Hill Valley Farm," an estate that for a great many years has been in the possession of the Thorp family and is now owned by David J. Stephens. Both the Stephens and Thorp names and relationships have been identified with Erie County a great many years, and there are a number of facts which could be noted in the career of David J. Stephens and of his connections.

He was born in Huron Township, July 14, 1851, a son of William H. and Mary (Havelick) Stephens. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania and of a mingling of English and French stock. His father was born in 1805, and after his marriage, which occurred in the late '20s or early '30s, they moved out to Erie County and made settlement on a hazel brush farm not far from Bogarts and Rays Corners in the western part of Huron Township. As a farmer William Stephens was a man of

industry and enterprise and did a great deal toward the improvement of his land before his death, which occurred in May, 1860. His activities were not confined to the simple routine of farming. He was also a hard working churchman and a Baptist preacher, and also served as a captain of home guards under General Lindsley. Before his death the conflict between the North and the South had been foreseen and he was prepared to serve his country, but died before the issues were joined in arms. One of his cousins was the noted Alexander H. Stephens of the Southern Confederacy. His widow afterwards married Thomas Feagles, who died in 1873, and for her third husband married Emory Cosier. She survived all these husbands, and died at the home of her son, David J., in 1905, being without children by her last two marriages. William H. and Mary Stephens had the following children: Washington H. enlisted at the first call for ninety days troops in the Civil war, went to Washington, District of Columbia, and while in service there was appointed to a position in the United States treasury department, and continued to be identified with that department of the United States Government for more than forty years, and died in the harness in 1905. Elizabeth, the second child, died in Indiana in 1905 when quite an old woman, and left several children. William and Susan, the next born, were twins, and Susan now lives at the home of a daughter in Cleveland, while William received a broken neck and died while attempting to stop a runaway team. Isaiah is now deceased, and further mention of his career will be found in a sketch of his son, Edward S. Stephens. Jefferson P. went through the Civil war as a soldier, later became a locomotive engineer with the Baltimore & Ohio, and was widely known among his railroad friends as "old Jeff," and died with his hand on the throttle of his engine near Monroeville in Erie County; he was married and left a family. Mary first married Jesse Green, who died in Perkins Township, and her present husband is Darius Plum, also of Perkins Township. The next in the family is David J., while the youngest, Andrew, died when two years of age.

From the age of eleven David J. Stephens was reared in Berlin Township, and finished his education in the Milan High School. He has been unusually successful in business affairs and as a progressive farmer, and for many years has owned 140 acres of first class land with the best of improvements. He has instituted a system of tile drainage, connected up with the county ditch, and has his farm well stocked and in the best of condition for productive agriculture. The specially noteworthy feature of the Rock Hill Valley Farm is twenty acres of undeveloped quarry. It is a fine stone and tests which have been made show that for fifty-five feet depth the stone is without a seam. The farm is also served by a fine spring of unfailing water situated close to the house and barns, and from this spring water is secured to supply not only the live stock but also the home from cellar to garret.

Mr. Stephens was married in Berlin Township to Miss Phoebe Thorp. She was born, reared and educated in Berlin Township, close to where she now lives. Her grandfather, Nathaniel Thorp, came from Connecticut. He was a very poor man when he arrived in Erie County, and had in addition to his clothes only a bible, two shillings and a package of apple seeds, which he later planted and some of the trees that grew from these seeds are still standing. He started work among the pioneers and eventually acquired 220 acres of first class land, and lived to see it improved into a fine farm. He died at the home where he first established himself as a farmer, and was eighty-two years of age. He was married in Berlin Township, but outlived his wife many years. Mrs. Stephens is a daughter of Jeremiah Thorp, who spent all his life on his

father's old homestead in Berlin Township and was past sixty when he died. Jeremiah married Dolly Swan, who was born in New York State, came to Erie County when a child, and died when past seventy years of age at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Stephens. Besides Mrs. Stephens Jeremiah Thorp and wife were the parents of Sarah, who married David Hill of Amherst, Ohio. They have seven children. The Thorp family were all Baptists, and the male members were republicans in politics.

Concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Stephens a brief record is as follows: Mary D., who was educated in the Berlin High School, is now the wife of Andrew Schisler of Florence Township, who is a practical farmer there, and they have two children named Andrew and Catherine. Jeremiah N., the second child, married Grace Corbin, and they live in Vermilion, where he is engineer for the town waterworks system, and have one son, David C. William H., who graduated from the Berlin Heights High School and the Oberlin Business College, is now teller in the First National Bank of Berlin Heights, and married Iva Glime. Lloyd D. completed his education in the grade schools and is now assisting his father in the management of the farm.

Mr. Stephens is a republican, and is master of Florence Grange No. 1844, Patrons of Husbandry, and was also one of the organizers of this grange and its first master. Through his individual enterprise and his influential leadership he has been an active factor in agricultural development. For eight years he was commander of the local camp of the Maccabees, but is now demitted from that order, and is also affiliated with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Mr. Stephens is a man of scholarly tastes and pursuits and has given much time and investigation to genealogy. His principal work is a 300 page volume concerning the genealogy of the Mosher family. In compiling this work he spent many weeks in New England, searching the musty records of Boston and other localities. A few years ago he also made a two months' trip to England and Europe and went across on the Mauretania, the sister ship to the Lusitania.

FREDERICK HILDEBRANDT. Among the men who have gained success as farmers and fruit growers in Berlin Township should be numbered Frederick Hildebrandt, who came to America from Germany more than forty years ago, for several years earned his livelihood as a common laborer on the railroad, and from the surplus of his earnings invested in small tracts of land in Erie County, which he has since increased both in quantity and improvement and is now one of the substantial members of the community, and is furnishing good service to the township as road trustee, the duties of which position require much of his time.

Born in Brandenburg, Prussia, February 13, 1842, he was of an old line family of that kingdom, a son of John and Fredericka (Hauck) Hildebrandt. His father was a farm laborer and died in Prussia in middle life. He and his family were members of the Lutheran Church. Frederick Hildebrandt was the only son and child of that union. The mother married again, wedding Ludwig Budzin, who died in Ottawa County, Ohio. She died in the old country in 1858. The son of the second marriage, William, is also in the United States and is a bachelor farmer, making his home with the subject of this review.

Frederick Hildebrandt grew up in his native country, and from early years was trained to hard labor with little remuneration. He was married in his native state to Christiana Schutt, who was a native of the same section as her husband, born there in 1840 and reared and educated in the same locality. After one child had been born to their union,

Reca, Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrandt left Germany in 1872 on the sailing ship Gauch from Bremen, and after a voyage of seven weeks landed in Baltimore. When the vessel was one week out Mr. Hildebrandt was stricken with the smallpox, suffered much from the disease but recovered, and after landing in Baltimore spent three weeks in the hospital helping to care for the other sufferers from that disease. He later came on west to Ottawa County, Ohio, and there found employment on the Lake Shore Railway, working himself up from the position of a common laborer until he was made watchman and had to do with the maintenance of signals. He was with the railroad company in this capacity for two years, and was then appointed baggage agent at Martin, Ohio, for another two years. In the meantime he had invested in twenty acres of land and established a comfortable home. These facts are substantial evidence of his thrift and progressive character. He had to earn every dollar that went to the support of his family and to the slowly growing surplus. Later he became foreman of a section gang and was in that work with the railroad until 1900. In that year Mr. Hildebrandt moved to Berlin Township, Erie County, and bought forty acres of land on the Ridge Road. It was already well improved and in 1904 he added ten acres more. He has a large and well furnished house, a substantial set of farm buildings, and grows several varieties of fruit and has two acres of vineyard.

In 1875 he lost his first wife, and she was survived by two children, Franz and Rica, both of whom are now married and have families of their own. For his second wife Mr. Hildebrandt married Caroline Kratzer, who was also born in Germany, February 16, 1851. She died April 7, 1910. The children of the second marriage are Lena, John, Charles, Ida, Anna, Arthur and Freda, all of them married except the last three, and those married all have children. Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrandt are members of the Lutheran Church and in politics he is a democrat.

Samuel Ayres. The Ayres family is one of the most highly respected in the Village of Berlin Heights, where Samuel Ayres has spent many years and in all the varied relations of life has given a good account of himself and has practiced and accepted such opportunities as came to him for service to the community and his neighbors.

Born in Poughkeepsie, New York, April 17, 1849, Samuel Ayres comes of old Quaker stock. His parents were William and Sarah Jane (Sherwood) Ayres. His father was born in Dutchess County, New York, July 4, 1825. The mother was born in Huddersfield, England, March 14, 1821, and came to the United States at the age of sixteen on a sailing vessel with her parents, James and Mary A. Sherwood. The Sherwoods acquired a farm in Dutchess County, New York, six miles west of the Hudson River, and there James and his wife spent the rest of their lives. He died at the age of eighty-seven and she when about seventy-five. They were members of the Episcopal Church and of substantial English stock. William Ayres after his marriage to Miss Sherwood lived in Dutchess County, New York, until 1858. In the meantime their children were all born there and were partly educated in the schools at Poughkeepsie. They then set out for the West and arrived at Berlin Heights, Erie County, where William Ayres bought a farm two and a half miles west. He lived there with his family until the beginning of the Civil war, when he returned to the Village of Berlin Heights and died February 9, 1867. His widow survived until May 16, 1900. William Ayres, though a birthright Quaker, after his marriage accepted his wife's faith and they both attended the Episcopal services conducted at Huron, Ohio, many years ago by Rev.

Samuel Marks. Of the children born to William Ayres and wife brief mention is made of the following: Mary is the widow of Samuel Wincenread, lives in Berlin Heights, and her daughter Alberta is the wife of M. J. Davis, an attorney and connected with the city government of Detroit; Samuel; Fannie, wife of William Downing, now living at Dowling in Dutchess County, New York; Emma married Charles McQuay, and she died while on a visit to her sister in Dowling, New York, in 1914, while he died in 1913, and they left one son, Charles D. McQuay.

When the Ayres family came to Erie County in 1858 Samuel was about nine years of age. His education had been begun in New York State, he attended local schools in Erie County, and afterwards returned to Poughkeepsie and took a course in telegraphy, finishing in 1875. He soon afterwards became connected with the Michigan Southern Railway as operator at Ceylon Station, but after a year or so took another vocation, as a painter, and for a dozen years did a large amount of work in this community as a house painter and decorator. The interests by which Mr. Ayres has been chiefly identified with Berlin Heights are centered in what is known as the Dr. Benjamin Hill farm of ten acres, located in the heart of the village. Mr. Ayres bought this farm many years ago and has lived there ever since. On the land was a fine twelve-room house, and Mr. Ayres has taken pride in keeping up the appearance and the convenient arrangement of this attractive residence. He has on the land 500 peach trees and 100 pear trees, and formerly was successfully engaged in growing small fruits. He bought this farm and has lived there since 1887.

On October 24, 1879, in Berlin Township Mr. Ayres married Miss Ida J. Crossman, who was born in Fairfield County, Connecticut, March 2, 1858, was educated partly in Connecticut and partly in Berlin Township. She came to Erie County at the age of sixteen. Her parents were Nelson and Lois J. (Webb) Crossman, both natives of Connecticut, where they spent all their lives. Her father died March 14, 1901, having been born in 1827, and his widow is still living in Fairfield County, Connecticut, and was eighty-three years of age on Christmas Day of 1914. Nelson Crossman was a Connecticut farmer, a democrat in politics, and he and his wife were members of the Congregational Church. He was a son of Nelson and Lovisa Thorp Crossman, and the latter, after the death of Mr. Crossman's father, married Alfred Taylor, and they came to Erie County and located in Berlin Township, where they lived for some years. Mr. Taylor died when past eighty years of age, and his widow subsequently came to Berlin Heights and died there at the age of seventy-eight. Both were members of the Congregational Church.

Mrs. Ayres was one of three children, second in age. Her sister, Carrie Lovisa, is the wife of Arthur Bradley, and they now live in Western Connecticut and have a daughter Edna, who is the wife of Chester Coley, and their home is at Chestnut Hill, Connecticut. Lottie Webb is the wife of David Hurlbutt, and they live at Cannon Station in Connecticut, and their son Nelson is married and lives at the same place.

On Christmas Day of 1882 Leon B. Ayres was born into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ayres. He was educated in the Berlin Heights High School, completed a business college course at Oberlin, and later became cashier of the Berlin Heights Banking Company, filling that place with much credit to himself and satisfaction to his employers for ten years. Ill health compelled him to resign the confining duties of banking, and he went to Lansing, Michigan, and has since made himself a factor in business affairs there as secretary and treasurer of the

Standard Realty Company. Leon Ayres was married December 18, 1909, at Ceylon Station, to Bessie Temple. She was born in Indiana, but grew up and received most of her education in Berlin Township. Her father, Murray A. Temple, is the agent of the Nickel Plate Railway at Ceylon Station, and for many years has been in the employ of that railway. Mr. Leon Ayres and wife have two children: Anna Lois, born November 18, 1911, and Robert, born July 28, 1913. Mr. Samuel Ayres and his son are both republicans in politics.

JOHN G. GUNZENHAUSER. For more than half a century the name of the Gunzenhauser has been worthily linked with the civic and business activities of Erie County, and it has at all times stood exponent of sterling personal character and of steadfastness and reliability in all of the relations of life. He whose name introduces this character is fully upholding the prestige of the name which he bears and is recognized as one of the representative business men and loyal and public-spirited citizens of the attractive little city of Huron, which has been his home from the time of his birth.

Mr. Gunzenhauser is a son of Jacob and Magdalena (Saurer) Gunzenhauser, both of whom were born in the Kingdom of Wurtemburg, Germany, the former in 1836 and the latter in 1843. Mrs. Gunzenhauser was a daughter of Philip and Mary Saurer, and was a child at the time of the family immigration to America, the voyage having been made on a sailing vessel and sixty-five days having been consumed in crossing the Atlantic, the delay having been due to storms and other unpropitious conditions. Soon after arriving in the United States the family came to Erie County, Ohio, and established their home on a small farm one mile east of Huron, which place was then a small village. On this homestead, one-half mile distant from the shores of Lake Erie, the parents passed the residue of their lives, Mr. Saurer having attained to the venerable age of eighty-eight years, and his wife having been summoned to eternal rest when she was seventy-eight years of age. Both were highly esteemed citizen of the county for many years and both were devout communicants of the Catholic Church.

Jacob Gunzenhauser was but seven years old at the time of his father's death, but his mother lived to attain the remarkable age of ninety years, she having been a woman of splendid physical constitution and having continued active until the time of her death, it being known that she was able to read without glasses and did not adopt the same until after she had become an octogenarian. In 1853, shortly after the death of his father, Jacob Gunzenhauser came to the United States in company with his maternal uncle, Jacob Bauer, several weeks having elapsed before the sailing vessel, on which they had embarked in the City of Hamburg, reached port in New York City. From the national metropolis the journey was continued to the City of Syracuse, New York, and there young Jacob entered the service of the owner of a brewery. Though a mere boy he was of the sturdiest physique and while yet in his 'teens he proved his capacity to do the arduous work of a man of mature age and developed physical powers. Prior to attaining to his legal majority he instituted his independent career and came to Sandusky, the judicial center of Erie County, where he entered upon an apprenticeship to the butcher's trade. After acquiring skill in his trade he removed to the Village of Huron, where he found employment in the pioneer meat-packing establishment of Wright Brothers, a firm with which he continued to be associated several years. In the meantime he wedded Miss Magdalena Saurer, but within a brief period after he had thus become a benedict he subordinated all else to the call of loyalty to the land of his adoption and tendered his services as a soldier of the

Union in the Civil war. He enlisted in a regiment that was recruited principally in Erie County, but his assignment of duty was not at the front but as one of those upon whom devolved the responsibility of guarding the Confederate prisoners who were sent to the Federal prison on Johnson's Island, in Lake Erie, many distinguished Confederate officers having been confined in this famous prison. Mr. Gunzenhauser continued in the Union service three years, and made a record for faithful and effective service, one that reflects as great honor upon his name as would have been the case had he been called to the stage of active warfare. He received his honorable discharge at the close of the war and then returned to Huron, where he shortly afterward established a meat market, on lower Main Street. Through effective service and honorable methods he developed a substantial and profitable business, and with the passing years he made two removals of his market, his final location having been on the site of the present Huron station of the electric interurban line. He continued as one of the industrious, successful and highly honored business men of Huron for many years and after gaining a competency he sold his well equipped market, the remainder of his life having been passed in peace and prosperity and in well earned retirement from business. He died in July, 1901, at the age of sixty-three years. His first wife, mother of the subject of this review, died in 1880, and seven years later he married Mrs. Augusta Meyers, whose family name was Helmick. Shortly after his second marriage he removed to his fine farm a portion of which tract lies within the corporate limits of Huron, and there he passed the remainder of his life. His widow passed away in 1907, when about sixty years of age. By her marriage to Frederick Meyer she became the mother of two children who survive her. The one child of the second marriage died at the time of birth.

Jacob Gunzenhauser was a man of well fortified opinions, was liberal and loyal as a citizen, was unfaltering in his support of the cause of the republican party, and though he was reared in the faith of the Catholic Church he became a communicant of the German Evangelical Church in the United States. Mr. Gunzenhauser served as an efficient member of the village council of Huron and also a member of the school board, as a representative of which he was assigned to the committee that had in charge the erection of the present high-school building.

Concerning the children of Jacob and Magdalena (Saurer) Gunzenhauser the following brief record is entered:

Jacob married Miss Lena Hart and both are now deceased, their one surviving child being Lura. Anna is the wife of Captain Henry Peterson, who was long and prominently identified with navigation interests on Lake Erie and who is now residing in the West, his wife having died without issue. John G., of this sketch, was the next in order of birth. Elizabeth became the wife of Frederick S. Oaks and both are deceased, their one surviving child being Catherine, who is the wife of William Canfield, of Detroit, Michigan, and who had one child, Ann, now deceased. Minnie is the wife of Dr. N. E. Woessner, a representative physician and surgeon engaged in practice at Huron, and they have one daughter, Lyna. Henry, who is a pipe-cutter by trade, is employed in a tube manufactory at Lorain, and is a bachelor. George died at the age of four years. Andrew was drowned on the 9th of February, 1880, while playing on the ice in Huron River, and was a child of three years at the time of his tragic death.

John G. Gunzenhauser is indebted to the public schools of Huron for his early educational discipline, and here has maintained his residence from the time of his birth, which occurred in the family home, on Main Street, on the 23d of November, 1864. He was afforded also the advan-

tages of a course in a business college at Naperville, Illinois, and thereafter he was employed for some time in the meat market conducted by his father. He then turned his attention to sailing on the Great Lakes, his first work being on the schooner Kitchen, commanded by his brother-in-law, Capt. Henry Peterson, with whom he was later associated as a sailor before the mast when Captain Peterson assumed command of the steamboat Superior. Mr. Gunzenhauser later sailed with Captain Humphrey on the steamer Townsend.

In 1888 Mr. Gunzenhauser engaged in the meat market business at Huron, but three years later he entered the employ of the great Chicago packing and provision concern of Armour & Company, for which he continued as a commercial representative for the ensuing ten years, his headquarters having been for some time in Chicago and for a period in the City of Milwaukee. After severing his association with this company Mr. Gunzenhauser returned to Huron, which place he has always looked upon as his home, and here, in 1905, he opened his present fine meat market, which is essentially metropolitan in its equipment, appointments and service, and in the conducting of which he has built up a most substantial and prosperous business.

Progressive and public-spirited as a citizen, Mr. Gunzenhauser is found arrayed as a stalwart in the republican party, and he has been more or less active in local politics. In Huron he is affiliated with Marks Lodge No. 359, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and he is held in unqualified esteem in his native city and county.

At Huron, in the year 1891, Mr. Gunzenhauser wedded Miss Julia Lavoo, who was born and reared in Huron, of French and German lineage. Her father died several years ago and her mother still resides in Huron, at the venerable age of more than eighty years. Mrs. Gunzenhauser died at Huron in 1895, at the early age of twenty-three years, and is survived by one son, John, and one daughter, Vera, the former of whom is married and engaged in business at Huron, and the latter of whom here resides with her venerable maternal grandmother.

The second marriage of Mr. Gunzenhauser was solemnized in the City of Ontario, November 2, 1907, where he wedded Miss Etta Lermann, who was born and reared in the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and who is a daughter of Ferdinand and Veronica (Daniel) Lermann, the latter of whom was born in Sandusky and the former in the Kingdom of Bavaria, Germany. The mother of Ferdinand Lermann died in Bavaria and when he was seven years of age he accompanied his father to the United States, the home having been established at Sandusky, in which city he was reared and educated and in which he has been engaged in the meat market business for many years, his age in 1915 being sixty-seven years, and his wife having been sixty-six years old at the time of her death, on the 12th of April, 1913. She is survived by one son and three daughters: Alvert, Julia, Ada, and Etta. One son, Joseph, died August 8, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Gunzenhauser have no children.

Edward G. Weigand. One of the younger citizens of Huron actively identified with the great fishing industry and Lake Erie is Edward G. Weigand, who has spent practically all his life around the shores of this lake, was sailor before the mast for several years, and since leaving the lake marine has been active in the fishing industry. He now has a valuable plant and business of his own, operating twenty-two trap-nets of the hell-devil type, the most popular and best adapted instrument for taking the fish out of the Great Lakes. He also owns and operates a boat propelled by naphtha power and employs several assistants. His annual catch is from sixty to seventy-five tons, and during the spring and fall seasons he devotes his energies to their full bent in this industry.

He has been engaged in fishing on his own account from the port of Huron for the past five years, and his experience on the lakes with others extends back ten years. Prior to that he spent six years as a sailor before the mast, and sailed under some of the best lake captains, among whom should be mentioned Captain Montague, of Huron, who was his commanding officer during 1906.

Mr. Weigand was born in the City of Buffalo, New York, December 15, 1887, and was educated in the public schools of Huron, for the most part, and also took a course in the Sandusky Business College. He comes of German ancestry. His grandparents were Charles and Catherine Weigand, natives of Germany, but probably married in America. They came to this country in a sailing vessel, the only means of crossing the ocean at that time, during the '30s. The grandfather was a toolmaker and became successfully established as a worker at his trade in Buffalo. After coming to this country he made four trips back to his native land, and while returning from the last died on the vessel and was given a burial at sea. His widow subsequently died in Buffalo when past eighty years of age. They were both Protestants in religion and worthy people who gave their children all the advantages of home and schools.

Charles Weigand, Jr., father of Edward, was born in Buffalo, New York, in 1864. He acquired the trade of carpenter and builder, and died at Buffalo when in the prime of his years in June, 1890. He was married to Mary Thomas, who was born in Buffalo about the same time as her husband, and was reared in that city. She is now living at Huron, Ohio, with her second husband, Jacob Meltzer. By this second marriage she is the mother of the following children: Grace, who is married and has a son and lives in Michigan; Ella, at home. Mrs. Meltzer was the daughter of John and Catherine (Fisher) Thomas, who lived at Buffalo and in that section of New York State. Her father volunteered for service as a soldier during the war, and was made a guard for the rebel prisoners at Johnson's Island in Lake Erie. His death occurred in 1911 at the age of sixty-four, while living in Huron.

Edward Weigand is the third of four children, namely: Charles Weigand, the third of the name in successive generations, is a fisherman with headquarters at Huron, and married Lillian Taylor, of Fremont, Ohio; Catherine is the wife of George Dahlhofer, of Huron, and they are the parents of five young sons, the last being twins; Edward; and Amelia, who, like the other children, were educated in the Huron public schools and is now the wife of Paul Lapp, who is engaged in the laundry business at Huron.

Edward G. Weigand, after showing his worth as a young man of steady and economical habits, gained the affection of one of the reigning belles of Huron, Miss Lucille Deyo. Miss Deyo was born in Huron, and was carefully reared and liberally educated, graduating from the local high school in 1909 and then being sent to a finishing college at Roanoke, Virginia, where she completed her education and became proficient in music, and subsequently taught that art before her marriage. Mrs. Weigand is the only and much loved child of George and Minnie (Krock) Deyo. Her father was born in London, Canada, and comes of distinguished French lineage, the name originally being spelled De Yoe, and ancestors of that name were eminent both as warriors and in the professions and arts. It is an interesting fact that George Washington was descended from a branch of the same family, and it is said that his patriotic character was partly due to the Deyo blood that coursed through his veins. George Deyo was still unmarried when he came to Ohio, locating at Huron, where he has since lived and has for many years been active as an engineer and manager of the large Fries estate

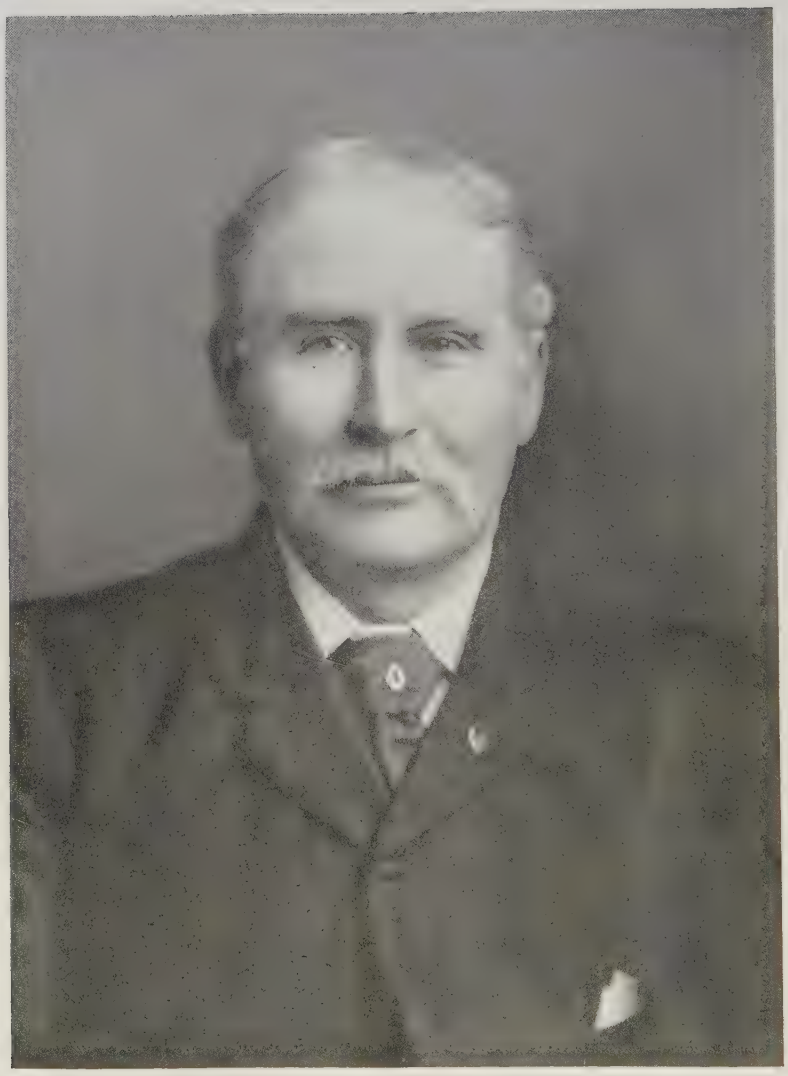
planing mills of Huron. He has likewise taken an active part in village affairs, and is a man of strong character and extended influence. His wife belongs to one of the oldest and best families of Huron, and further mention of the Krock family will be found on other pages of this publication.

In 1912 Mr. Weigand, assisted by Mr. Deyo, his wife's father, built with his own hands one of the most beautiful and attractive residences of Huron, on South Ohio Street. Having been his own architect and contractor, he employed his leisure and ample means to work out his own ideas of what a home should be, and its attractions are not only in the design and originality which conform with the good taste of himself and wife, but also in the installation of the modern improvements and conveniences. Mr. and Mrs. Weigand are the parents of one son, George William. Mr. Weigand was reared in the Evangelical faith, is a republican in politics, and takes much interest in the Lake Erie Lodge No. 756, I. O. O. F., and is past noble grand of his lodge. He is a young man of fine habits, even temper, and his success in business while still on the lee side of thirty years, can only be taken to promise extensive results in later years.

Elisha J. Phelps. In Huron Township, a short distance east of the corporation limits of the Village of Huron, Elisha J. Phelps has his home and the center of his activities, which classify him as a general farmer and fruit grower and stock raiser. His farm consists of fifty acres of the fertile land found in that community, and is all under thorough cultivation and shows many evidences of his well known enterprise and ability in agricultural matters. He has a large barn, 40 by 60 feet, and other farm buildings, and his home is nearly new, having been built in place of the house which, with its contents, was burned in February, 1910. Mr. Phelps bought his present farm east of Huron in the fall of 1907, and took possession in the following spring. An attractive feature of this home is its situation on the lake shore front. Most of his land is utilized for the general crops, but he also has a large acreage in fruit and berries, and is a specialist in the raising of graded horses.

Elisha J. Phelps was born in Huron Township on a portion of land that has since been washed away by the action of waters. He was born September 13, 1851, grew up in the township and lived at home until twenty-three. In the meantime he had acquired a good education and had been trained for the work which has been his real vocation in life. He then rented his father's farm in Lorain County, and at the age of twenty-six engaged in the dairy business, living on the Huron River road near the Village of Huron. For twenty-three years his time and labor were chiefly devoted to the management of a first-class dairy. He kept an average of about thirty cows, though sometimes as high as forty, and raised most of the grain and feedstuffs to supply his stock. He abandoned the dairy industry after moving to his present farm.

His parents were James and Mary (Elson) Phelps, both natives of Maryland. His father was born in 1823 and died at his home in Huron Township, April 24, 1879, and the mother was born September 29, 1828, and died May 26, 1911. They came to Erie County as young people and were married here, and set up a home of their own in Huron Village, where James Phelps conducted a grocery store, meat market and livery stable, and subsequently bought a farm near the village, where he and his wife spent their declining years. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics he was a republican. Their children are given brief mention as follows: Celesta is the wife of Thomas Sprowl, cashier of the First National Bank of Huron, and



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they have a son and a daughter still living. Dora, who is now living in Detroit, is the widow of Jackson Rilett, who was accidentally shot near Huron while squirrel hunting. Mina Bond, who is living in Huron, was twice married and is twice a widow, and has two daughters by her first husband. Elmira died with her first child, the wife of Theodore Wells. The next in order of birth is Elisha J. Letitia is the wife of John M. Garritte, a druggist at Huron, and they have a family of one son and two daughters. Elmer spends part of his time in Huron and part in Cleveland with his son. Joseph is in the cigar and confectionery business at Huron and has two sons. Dudley lives at Huron and is unmarried. Anna, a widow, has two sons and two daughters.

Elisha J. Phelps was married in Huron Township to Miranda Ells, who was born in Huron Township and died at their home on Huron River, January 23, 1893, at the age of thirty-nine. There were four children by this union. Eva is the wife of Edward Blanchard, of Cleveland, and they have one child, Myron T. Mildred is the wife of Milton McSpadden, of Cleveland, and their three children are Helen, Ethel and an infant. Ethel, the third child, died after her marriage to Irvin Mason. Curtis, the youngest, died in early life.

Mr. Phelps married his present wife at Sandusky. Elizabeth Thomas, which was her maiden name, was born in Buffalo, New York, December 19, 1877, and was reared and educated there and at Huron. Her parents were John and Catherine (Fisher) Thomas, both natives of Germany, her father having come to this country at the age of sixteen and lived at Buffalo, New York, until after his marriage, his wife having been brought from Germany when three years of age. She grew up in Buffalo, where her parents died, and after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Thomas lived in Buffalo several years, where he followed his trade as a shoemaker and subsequently moved to Vermillion and later to Huron in Erie County, where Mr. Thomas died April 1, 1911, at the age of sixty-eight. His widow is living at Huron and was sixty-eight years old on August 5, 1914. They are members of the Evangelical Church and Mrs. Phelps' father was a republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Phelps have two children. Lorena May, born January 28, 1895, was educated in the Huron High School, has been a student of music, and now lives at home. Lavella Alice, born July 22, 1903, is now in the fifth grade of the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps attend the Evangelical Church at Huron. He is a republican in politics, and is affiliated with the Huron Lodge No. 113, of the Woodmen of the World.

Ora F. Romell. Success consists in a steady betterment of one's material conditions and an increase of one's ability to render service to others. Measured by this standard, one of the successful men of Erie County is Ora F. Romell, who has spent nearly all his life in the county and now has an attractive and valuable farm in Berlin Township. Robust, hard working, thrifty, genial and progressive, Mr. Romell has a host of friends in his part of Erie County, and has mingled good fellowship and all that phrase implies with the handling of his private business affairs.

His birth occurred in Erie County near Castalia on February 2, 1863. His parents were John and Elizabeth (Altvater) Romell, both of whom are natives of Germany, his father born in 1837 and his mother four years later. John Romell was the only member of his immediate family to emigrate to America, having coming over when eighteen years of age. He spent nine weeks on a sailing vessel before landing in New York City, and then came on west to Castalia in Erie County. He soon found employment with Calvin Caswell, an old settler in that community, and his first wages were $6.00 per month. Out of this small remunera-

tion he soon managed to save enough to pay for his passage to this country. He had borrowed money in the old country to get him to America, having left the fatherland in order to avoid military service. After some years in Erie County he married. His wife had come to America with her parents, Peter and Catherine Altvater, in 1850, and they lived and died near Castalia, her father in 1872 when past sixty, and her mother a number of years later in 1895, when past eighty. The Altvaters were Protestant people. After his marriage John Romell set out as a farmer, later was employed for several years in a paper mill, and finally bought forty-four acres of land in Margaretta Township. He sold that, and in 1880 moved to a farm which he had bought near Clarksfield, lived there until the spring of 1896, and then returned to Erie County, buying land just outside the Village of Berlin Heights. He and his good wife still live at that home, and both are well preserved people and have an ample competence for their declining years. The father is a republican, but his wife's father was an equally strong democrat in his day.

Ora F. Romell is the oldest in a family of nine children, six of whom are still living and five are married. He grew up on a farm, attended the schools in his neighborhood, and his ability as a farmer comes from long and thorough experience. Nineteen years ago he moved into Berlin Township and since December, 1902, has been located on his present farm of 102½ acres. This is rolling land, of fine soil, situated on the Ridge Road not far from Berlin Heights Village. It possesses excellent natural as well as tile drainage, and practically every acre is under cultivation. Mr. Romell has a fine apple orchard of more than 100 trees, also four acres of peach trees, and a number of pear and cherry trees. He lives in a large house of nine rooms and adjoining is a red barn 38x70 feet in ground dimensions, while there are several other barns and sheds for the shelter of stock and implements. He also has a 65-ton silo, which is coming to be a feature of the best farms in Northern Ohio, and his water for both domestic and stock purposes is unusually fine. He grows large quantities of grain of different varieties and is a thorough, practical farmer in every sense of the word.

Mr. Romell was first married in the State of Michigan to Sabra Ida Sage. She was born and reared in Michigan, and was a daughter of Harlow P. Sage, and a granddaughter of Rev. Harlow Sage, who was of old Puritan stock and a prominent Universalist preacher in Northern Ohio in the early days. Her father came of the Lorain County family of Sages, and is still living in Gratiot County, Michigan, a prominent farmer there. Mrs. Romell died April 30, 1893, at the birth of her first child, who also died. On December 5, 1906, Mr. Romell married Miss Elizabeth Will. She was born in Huron April 23, 1854, and died at her home near Berlin Heights October 21, 1914. Her father, Nicholas Will, was born in Germany, was married there, and then brought his wife to Erie County, where they spent the rest of their lives, he passing away in 1890 and she in 1908. They were substantial farming people in Vermilion Township, and three sons are still living in that locality. Mr. Romell is a strong republican and served as township trustee for four years. During his administration the two interurban lines were built through the township, and both through his office and as a private citizen he has done everything in his power to promote local improvements.

Philip J. Justi. Distinctive independence and self-reliance were early manifested by this representative and substantial farmer of Huron Township, for when a mere lad, in company with a neighbor boy of comparatively the same age, he immigrated from his German fatherland

to America and gravely set to himself the task of winning prosperity through his own industry. He has proved himself one of the world's productive workers and his career has been dominated by that sterling integrity that ever begets popular confidence and good will. In Erie County he has worked his way to the goal of worthy success, and he is now the owner of one of the well improved and valuable farms of the county, the same being on rural mail route No. 3, from the Village of Huron.

Mr. Justi was born in the Duchy of Nassau, Germany, on the 28th of January, 1867, and is a representative of a sterling family whose name has long been identified with that section of the empire. He is a son of Philip John Justi and Catherine Switzer, both of the purest of German lineage and both likewise natives of Nassau, where they passed their entire lives, their home at the time of their death having still been at Bonshire, the place in which the subject of this review was born and in which his mother died when he was an infant, the father having survived her and having passed to the life eternal in 1879, at the age of sixty years. Of the six children, Philip J., of this review, is the youngest; Wilhelmina is the wife of Henry Endridge and they reside on the old homestead farm of the Justi family, in Nassau, their children being three sons and one daughter; Hattie came to the United States in 1870, and in Erie County, Ohio, she became the wife of Joel Springer, their home having been for a number of years on a farm in Huron Township and their place of residence at the present time being in the Village of Bellevue, Huron County. They have no children. Frederick accompanied his sister Hattie to America and he and his wife reside on their excellent farm in Oxford Township, Erie County, their children being four sons and one daughter. Henry immigrated to the United States in 1884 and joined his brothers and sister in Erie County, where he is now the owner of a good farm in Oxford Township, his four children, all daughters, still remaining at the parental home. Phoebe is the wife of Philip Pulish, a prosperous farmer in Nassau, Germany, and they have one daughter.

Philip J. Justi, whose name initiates this article, acquired his early education in the schools of his native place, and in 1881, when fourteen years of age, he came to the United States in company with his youthful neighbor, Henry Miller, the voyage from Hamburg to New York City having been made on the vessel Westphalia. From the national metropolis the two ambitious young German boys forthwith made their way to Erie County, Ohio, to join the elder brother and sister of Mr. Justi, and after remaining a short time in the City of Sandusky Mr. Justi obtained work on a farm in Huron Township. For a decade he was in the employ of farmers in this county, and in the meanwhile he carefully saved his earnings and bent every energy to the preparing for an independent career as a farmer. Prior to his marriage he had purchased a portion of his present homestead farm, which comprises eighty acres and which is located three miles south of the Village of Huron, on what is commonly designated as South Main Street, the farm lying on the line between Huron and Milan townships. With characteristic energy and good judgment, Mr. Justi has made excellent improvements on his land, nearly all of which is now available for cultivation and gives excellent returns in the growing of the various crops best suited to this section. The permanent improvements include a good house of eight rooms, a barn 28 by 48 feet in dimensions, and other requisite farm buildings, and everything about the place is kept in excellent order, with the result that thrift and prosperity are clearly in evidence. In addition to conducting his own farm, Mr. Justi also operates on the opposite side of the road the William Rosekelley farm, of seventy acres, and he is known as

one of the progressive agriculturists and stock growers of the county, in which he has found ample opportunity for the achieving of success through well ordered industry. He and his family are zealous members of St. John's Lutheran Church at Union Corners, and in politics he is aligned as a staunch supporter of the cause of the democratic party, though in local affairs he is not governed by strict partisanship. For nearly sixteen years he has been a valued member of the school board of his district, and as a director he has done all in his power to provide the best possible school advantages.

In 1891 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Justi to Miss Louisa Beiler, who was born in Groton Township, this county, where her parents established their home in the early '60s, soon after their emigration from Germany. Mrs. Justi's father, the late Charles Beiler, was long known as one of the substantial farmers of Erie County, where he commanded the unqualified respect of all who knew him, and he died at his old homestead farm on the 4th of April, 1914, his widow passing away in the following June, at the home of her daughter Louisa, Mrs. Justi. Mr. Beiler was eighty-three years of age at the time of his death, and his wife passed to the life eternal at the age of sixty-seven years, both having been members of the Lutheran Church and the parents of Mr. Justi having been communicants of the Reformed Church. Mr. and Mrs. Justi have given to their children excellent educational advantages, and the eldest two, Hattie and Rosa, still remain at the parental home; Elizabeth completed a course in the Sandusky Business College and is now employed as bookkeeper in the office of the Huron Fish Company, in the Village of Huron; Fred is associated with his father in the work and management of the home farm; and Freda and Anna are still members of the ideal home circle, the latter being still in school.

Adolph Nickel. Among the men who have lent dignity of character, excellence of labor and general co-operation in affairs of Erie County, Ohio, one who is widely and favorably known in agricultural and business circles is Adolph Nickel, who owns and operates a handsome farm on the township line road in Huron Township. It has been the fortune of this progressive and energetic farmer to have lived all his life close to nature and to have partaken generously of the rewards offered those who respond with enthusiasm and clear judgment to the opportunities for advancement in tilling the soil.

Mr. Nickel has been a resident of his present community throughout his career, having been born on the farm adjoining the one he now owns, in Huron Township, August 28, 1875, a son of Charles and Mary (Platt) Nickel. The father, born in Germany in 1846 or 1847, was a small child when he came to the United States with his parents on a sailing vessel, during the early '50s, the family landing at New York City and immediately making their way to Erie County, Ohio. Here they settled on the farm which lies to the north of the one now owned by Adolph Nickel, and at that time almost in its primitive state. The grandparents, whose names are now forgotten, passed their entire lives here, the grandfather reaching advanced years, while the grandmother passed away some time before. They were consistent members of the Evangelical Church, devoted their entire lives to farming, and were known as honest, industrious and God-fearing people. Mrs. Nickel's parents had come to the United States before she was born, and lived and died on the farm on which they settled in Perkins Township, Erie County, they also being consistent members of the Evangelical Church and highly respected members of their community.

Charles Nickel was reared and educated in Huron Township, and when he attained man's estate engaged in farming on his own account.

After his marriage, he resided for a few years at Milan, but subsequently settled on a farm in Huron Township, where he passed the remaining years of his active life. Both he and Mrs. Nickel still survive and reside in Ohio, although in different parts of the state. They are members of the Evangelical Church, and in political matters Mr. Nickel is a democrat. They were the parents of three children: Jennie, who is the widow of Fred Lee, of Milan Township, and foster-mother of one son, Ralph Bickley; Adolph, of this notice; and Mary, who is the wife of Philip Lortcher, and resides on a farm adjoining that of her brother, and has one son, Myron B.

Adolph Nickel was given a public school education, and passed his boyhood and youth in the pursuits of the farm, receiving both a good mental and physical training. He remained on the home farm until twenty-five years of age, at which time he purchased his present farm, a tract of seventy-two acres, which he has brought under a high state of cultivation. He has since erected a large barn, 32 by 68 feet, painted red, a garage, buggy shed and corn cribs, and other outbuildings, while his residence is handsome and commodious, painted drab, with green trimmings, and containing seven rooms, handsomely and tastefully furnished, with all modern conveniences and comforts. Mr. Nickel grows large crops of all kinds of cereals, and in addition breeds horses, cattle and hogs. In every department of agriculture he has been successful, being possessed of a thorough knowledge of the details of his chosen vocation. He has a high reputation in business circles, and as a citizen has shown his public spirit on more than one occasion.

Mr. Nickel was married at Sandusky, Ohio, to Miss Catherine Lieb, who was born in that city April 18, 1880, and there reared and well educated. Her parents were Ambrose and Margaret (Herr) Lieb, natives of Germany, who came to America as young people and located at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but later moved to Sandusky, Ohio, where the mother died in 1887, in middle life. Mr. Lieb, who has long been well and favorably known as a hand marble worker and monument maker, still lives at Sandusky, where he is the proprietor of an establishment of his own. By his first marriage he had three daughters and three sons, namely: George, Anna, Elizabeth, Henry, Catherine and Martin. He was married a second time, and has two sons and one daughter by this union, named Louis, Herman and Celia. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nickel, aged as follows: Russell, born October 23, 1905; Mary, born June 13, 1909; Alberta, born May 8, 1911; Doris, born February 10, 1913; and Charles, born April 4, 1915. Mrs. Nickel is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Her husband is a democrat in politics, but his interest in public affairs is limited to the casting of his vote in support of good men and beneficial measures.

William C. Heimburger. Farming, which in former years was largely an occupation in which the surplus sons of the old-time families engaged as their natural and only means of livelihood, has been brought to the front as one of the higher callings, a labor of mind as well as of muscle, of head as well as of hand. Scientific agriculture is no longer a high-sounding phrase, but a vocation which demands careful preparation and yields sure and generous returns. Each year witnesses remarkable progress along this line, and to understand this aroused and continued interest, the work of such progressive farmers as William C. Heimburger, of Huron Township, must be considered.

Mr. Heimburger has passed his entire life in the community in which he now resides, having been born on his father's farm in Huron Township, Erie County, Ohio, April 24, 1879, a son of William Heimburger, a sketch of whose career will be found on another page of this work. Edu-

cated in the graded and high schools of Huron, Mr. Heimburger was reared to agricultural pursuits, and remained on the homestead until his marriage, at the age of twenty-six years, when he started renting a property from his father. Three years later he was ready to enter upon a career of his own and purchased from his father his present valuable tract, a property of sixty-five acres, lying on the Bogart road. Here he has a handsome, modern residence of eight rooms, built in 1908, a new barn 36 by 40 feet, and feed shed, 24 by 132 feet, which latter is to be extended all around the yard, when it will be 360 feet in length. He has also a machine and tool house, and two corn cribs, one of 1,600 bushels and the other of 1,200 bushels capacity. Mr. Heimburger feeds 3,000 bushels of corn, all grown on this property, and in addition grows large crops of wheat, oats, alfalfa, potatoes and meadow grass. He also rents eighty acres of the William Hahn farm, lying adjacent to his own property.

As a raiser of livestock, Mr. Heimburger has made his cattle gain as high as 300 pounds in 120 days, an excellent average, and he also breeds fine hogs of the Berkshire breed, shipping about fifty each year. He makes a close and careful study of his work, and works out his own ideas along practical lines, noting intelligently the best manner of attaining results. He leaves nothing to chance, but makes each of his moves in a careful, well-directed manner, far different from the haphazard way in which farmers usually carried on their operations in former years.

In 1905 Mr. Heimburger was married to Miss May Hecker, of Hays Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio, a graduate of Sandusky High School and a daughter of William and Minnie (Holtzworth) Hecker. Mr. Hecker was born in Germany and was eighteen years of age when he emigrated to the United States, locating at Sandusky, Ohio, where he followed his trade of butcher for twelve years. He is now living a retired life at Sandusky, as is also Mrs. Hecker, who is a native of that city. They were the parents of two sons and two daughters, Mrs. Heimburger being the elder of the latter, the younger sister being unmarried. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Heimburger: Arthur, ten years of age and in the fourth grade of the public schools; Walter, who is eight years old; Raymond, aged five years; and Marion, four years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Heimburger are members of the Huron Lutheran Church, and are well and favorably known in social circles. He is a democrat in politics, but has not taken a very active part in party affairs, his entire time and attention being occupied by his farming activities. As a citizen he has shown his interest in matters pertaining to the welfare of his community, and has displayed a willingness to co-operate with others in movements calculated to bring about civic and agricultural betterment. His wide circle of friends testify to his general popularity.

Diedrick E. Bruns. Those counties that can claim their respective quotas of farmers of German birth or extraction are certain to maintain high standards in the domain of agriculture and stockgrowing, for this element of citizenship is renowned for thrift and prosperity as well as for the deepest loyalty and full appreciation of the advantages afforded in the United States, though those who can refer to the German fatherland as the place of their nativity naturally and justly honor the same and treasure its best traditions. Such a worthy and valued citizen is he whose name introduces this paragraph and who is one of the representative farmers of Erie County, where his excellent farm of ninety-two acres is specially notable for its fine improvements and the unmistakable evidences of the energy and good judgment brought to bear in its various operations. This attractive rural estate is situated in the southeastern part of Huron Township and on the Berlin Heights road, with rural mail

service on Route No. 2 from the Village of Huron. The farm was the old homestead of the parents of Mrs. Bruns, who was here born and reared and who has here maintained her home during virtually the entire period of her life thus far. The Bruns farm is supplied with an excellent system of drainage and the requisite water is derived from several wells, which give adequate supply for the live stock and for other purposes. Virtually the entire farm is under a high state of cultivation, scientific methods being brought to bear in perpetuating the fertility of its excellent soil, and the place is notable for its uniformly large yields of wheat, oats and corn, the while Mr. Bruns gives special attention to the propagation of the best types of potatoes, which give an average annual product of 150 bushels to the acre and a gross annual production of about 2,500 bushels. This homestead is equipped with excellent buildings with the most approved and modern facilities, including an attractive residence of nine rooms, a fine barn 36 by 70 feet, with slate roof, this building having been erected by Mr. Bruns in 1910, there being an additional barn of large dimensions for the care of farm produce and the live stock, and a grainary 24 by 30 feet in dimensions.

Mr. Bruns has owned and resided upon his present homestead farm since 1899, prior to which year he had been for fifteen years engaged in farming in Lenawee County, Michigan, his property there having been sold prior to his return to Erie County, Ohio, where he had established his residence shortly after his immigration to America and where he had lived for a number of years before he removed with his family into Michigan.

A scion of one of the sterling and honored old families of the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, Mr. Bruns was there born on the 26th of June, 1859, a son of Frederick and Catherine (Rohrs) Bruns, who there passed their entire lives, each having been about sixty-four years of age at the time of death and both having been devout communicants of the Lutheran Church. Of the seven children the eldest is Anna, Mrs. Busselman, whose husband is a prosperous farmer in the Kingdom of Hanover, their children being two sons and one daughter. Frederick is now a successful business man at Stryker, Williams County, Ohio, where he conducts a private bank. He has one son and one daughter. Henry is individually mentioned on other pages of this publication; Heinrick is in the West and is at the time of this writing supposed to be a resident of the state of California; William is the subject of a personal sketch elsewhere in this volume; and Herman, who lives in Huron, this county.

Diedrick E. Bruns passed the period of his childhood and early youth on the old home farm of his father and in the meanwhile availed himself of the advantages of the excellent schools of the locality. At the age of sixteen years, in 1875, he set sail at Bremen for the voyage to America, some of his brothers having preceded him to the United States and others having come later, he having been the seventh child of the family. Soon after disembarking in the port of New York City he came to Henry County, Ohio, but a year later he removed to Erie County and became identified with agricultural pursuits, in Huron Township, where six years later, in 1882, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Lena Huttenlocher, the marriage ceremony having been performed in the home of the bride's parents,—the house now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Bruns. Mrs. Bruns was born in this township, in 1861, and save for the period of her residence in Michigan, she has always lived in Huron Township. Her parents were born in the Kingdom of Wurtemburg, Germany, and were young folk at the time when they came to America and became residents of Erie County, where their marriage was solemnized. Here the father, Andrew Huttenlocher, purchased the land constituting the present Bruns homestead, and here he became one of the sub-

stantial farmers and highly respected citizens of Erie County, where he still maintains his home, his eighty-fourth birthday anniversary having been celebrated in August, 1915, and his physical and mental power being retained to a wonderful degree. He is a consistent member of the Evangelical Church, as was also his wife, whose death occurred about twenty years ago, when she was somewhat more than sixty-five years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Huttenlocher became the parents of two sons and four daughters, all of whom are living and all of whom are married and well established in life. Mr. and Mrs. Bruns have two children, the elder of whom is Andrew H., who was born in the year 1886 and who is a progressive and successful farmer in Berlin Township, this county. He married Miss Helen Coal, of Norwalk, Huron County, and their only child, Esther, was born in 1912. Edith Leota Bruns is the wife of Robert French, a prosperous young farmer of Lenawee County, Michigan, and they have two daughters, Arline E., who was born June 3, 1913, and Ruth L., born May 3, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Bruns are earnest communicants and active workers in the Evangelical Church in the Village of Huron, and he is an officer in the same. He is a citizen of broad views and utmost civic loyalty, and is ever ready to lend his co-operation in the furtherance of measures and material enterprises tending to advance the general welfare of the community. Though never animated by aught of ambition for political office he is found staunchly arrayed in the ranks of the republican party and takes a lively interest in its cause. The attractive family home is known for its generous and unostentatious hospitality and is a favorite rendezvous for the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bruns.

Louis W. Scheid. One of the most progressive representatives of the agricultural interests of Erie County, Louis W. Scheid has worked his way to a position of independence and prominence solely through his own efforts. He started in life with only a good constitution and a resolute determination to get to the front, and his successful career as a farmer of Huron Township furnishes a strong incentive to the aspiring element of the rising generation to follow his example.

Mr. Scheid was born on the old family homestead in Oxford Township, Erie County, Ohio, August 28, 1873, and is a son of Peter and Catherine (Heuser) Scheid. His father was born July 31, 1834, in Germany, and in 1852 came to the United States with his brother William, on a sailing vessel, which made port at New York City. From the metropolis the brothers made their way to Huron County, Ohio, but shortly thereafter came to Erie County, and purchased wild land at Spears Corners, one mile west of the Bloomingville Road, where they continued to pass the remaining years of their lives, and died to a day within fifty weeks of each other, Peter Scheid passing away October 22, 1905. Before leaving Huron County they had sent for their parents and their brother Charles, and after their arrival Charles Scheid located on a farm near Pontiac, where he still lives and where his parents died in advanced years. Peter Scheid became one of Oxford Township's most industrious and energetic men, and it was not long before his influence began to be felt in the community. He was successful as a farmer, and erected substantial buildings and a fine home on his property, thus contributing to the upbuilding and development of his adopted locality. A consistent member of the Lutheran faith, after coming to Oxford Township he assisted to organize the Saint John's Lutheran Church of Union Corners, of which he and Mrs. Scheid became charter members, and of which he continued as an official throughout his life. A stalwart democrat in politics, he was frequently called to office by his fellow citizens who recognized and appreciated his sterling worth of character, and for twenty years served as treasurer of the township, in addition to acting for a long period in the capacity of

township trustee. His record as agriculturist, citizen and public official was one on which there is not the slightest stain or blemish, and when he died he left to his children the priceless heritage of an honored name. Mr. Scheid was married at Pontiac, Huron County, Ohio, to Miss Catherine Heuser, who was born in Germany, March 6, 1842, and was eleven years of age when she came to the United States with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heuser. They located at Pontiac. The father died in 1901, in Oxford Township, Erie County, Ohio, at the age of eighty-five years, he having passed his last years with his daughter, Mrs. Scheid, who was his only child. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and a democrat in politics. Mrs. Heuser died in 1875, aged sixty years. Since her husband's death, in 1905, Mrs. Scheid has lived in the town of Milan, Ohio, and is still hale and hearty at the age of seventy-three years. Of the ten children of Peter and Catherine Scheid, one died in infancy, Mrs. Robert Streck died in June, 1913, leaving issue, and Miss Amanda passed away in January, 1915, while seven children survive.

Louis W. Scheid was the youngest but two of his parents' children, and grew up on the farm in Oxford Township. He attended the district schools of his native locality and spent the summer months in work on the home farm, so that he came to manhood alert in mind and strong and active in body, an equipment with which he has since worked his way to a comfortable competence. A large part of his education has been self acquired, by study, observation and experience, and this has given Mr. Scheid a broad and comprehensive outlook on life. From the outset of his career Mr. Scheid proved himself a hard and industrious worker, capable of making money out of his ventures and equally capable of turning his earnings to good use. In 1901 he purchased his present fine property, located on South Main Street (sometimes called Sand Road) in Huron Township, three miles south of Huron. This large estate is highly improved and contains a variety of soils, all productive, a part being a sandy loam, some a clay mixed and the greater part a level stretch of black and very fertile loam. Here he grows immense crops of corn, wheat, oats, barley and potatoes, of which he feeds all except his wheat and potatoes to his horses, mules, cattle, hogs and sheep, for Mr. Scheid has engaged largely in stockraising, a department in which he has gained excellent success. He is a practical farmer, using the old and tried methods where they prove worthy, but always being ready to give a trial to the modern ways of farming. He believes in rotation of stock and in the use of modern machinery, and his opinion is frequently sought in agricultural matters, particularly in connection with cattle, of which he is an acknowledged judge. After losing two residences by fire, Mr. Scheid built his present beautiful home, erected after the cottage style, of concrete to the second floor and then of frame. Situated on a pleasant rise of land, it overlooks the surrounding country, and gives a particularly pleasing appearance to the farm. The other buildings include his large grain and feed barn, 40x90 feet, horse barn, 36x40 feet, and cow barn, 30x40 feet, all of which are equipped with the latest modern conveniences and appliances. A broad-minded, hearty and virile man, Mr. Scheid thinks well of life, desires others to do likewise, and, having succeeded himself, is anxious to see his fellows gain prosperity. He is a confirmed member of Saint John's Lutheran Church, at Union Corners, and his wife attends that church. In politics he is a democrat but not a politician. Fraternally he is an enthusiastic Mason, and is a member in good standing of Marks Blue Lodge No. 359, F. & A. M.; Milan Chapter, and Sandusky Council No. 26, in all of which he has numerous friends. As a citizen he has performed his duties and responsibilities faithfully and well, and every movement for the general welfare finds in him a hearty co-operator and supporter. He has woven compactly and well the strands of his life,

and has surrounded those dependent upon him with educational and general advantages.

Mr. Scheid was married at Huron, Ohio, to Miss Pearl Starr, who was born, reared and educated in this township, being a graduate of Huron High School and a daughter of John Starr, a sketch of whose life will be found on another page of this work. Five children have been born to this union: Cornelius, aged thirteen years, who is in eighth grade at the public school; Marion, aged eleven, in the sixth grade; Inez, aged eight years; and John P. and Peter Louis, twins, the former aged five years, and the latter of whom died when three months old.

George J. Sage. This representative agriculturist of Erie County has satisfaction in claiming Erie County as the place of his nativity and virtually his entire life has been passed in Huron Township, his birth having occurred in the village of Huron, on the 3d of March, 1859, and his early education having been acquired in the public schools of this county, which has always been his home and which is endeared to him by the gracious memories and associations of the past as well as by the opportunities he has here found for successful enterprise as a farmer and stockgrower, his present well improved farm being a large part of the tract of land that was here purchased by his father more than half a century ago. Mr. Sage is a scion of staunch New England stock, and the family was there founded in the early colonial epoch of our national history, the late Russell Sage, the great New York capitalist, having been a scion of another branch of the same family. The paternal great-grandparents of the subject of this review were born and reared in Connecticut, and it is supposed that they passed the closing period of their lives in Virginia, though the meager family records do not give absolute assurance of this fact. The grandfather, George Sage, was but thirty-eight years of age at the time of his death, and his widow, Lucy, passed her last days in the home of her son, William G. Sage, at Huron, Ohio, where she died at the venerable age of seventy-five years, after a widowhood of many years, during which she ever paid loyal fealty to the memory of the husband of her youth. Of their children the eldest was William G., father of him whose name initiates this review; Edwin and Edward were twins and both are deceased, and there were several other children, including Harriet, Lucy, Orrin, Charles and Louisa, all of whom married and reared children. Of this numerous family of children only two are now living, Mrs. Louisa Case, who resides in Indiana, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Colby, whose husband is a clergyman, and Charles, who is a carpenter and lives with his daughter in Wood County, Ohio.

William George Sage was born in the City of Winham, Connecticut, on the 21st of October, 1822, and was a mere boy at the time of his father's death. The family was left in straitened circumstances and, as the eldest of the children, he early assumed heavy responsibilities in caring for the younger children and the widowed mother, who ever received his deepest filial love and solicitude and who passed her declining years in his home, as previously noted in this context. From Connecticut the family finally removed to Virginia, and there William G. encountered many hardships and vicissitudes in providing for his widowed mother and the younger children. They lived in a primitive log cabin for a number of years and in the meanwhile William G. put forth every possible effort to win independence and at least a fair measure of prosperity. He learned the trade of carpenter and through his skilled work at his trade he laid the foundation for his future success. In the early '40s he brought the family to Erie County, Ohio, where he left his mother and the other children on a small farm near Vermilion and personally went to the City of Toledo, where he eventually developed an excellent

business as a contractor and builder, the memorable scourge of cholera having visited Ohio and caused severe ravages in Toledo while he was a resident of that city, but his having been the good fortune to escape unscathed. In the meanwhile he had married, in Erie County, Miss Isabel Douglass, who was born at Lancaster, Province of Ontario, Canada, and who was young at the time when she came to Erie County, further record concerning the family being given on other pages of this publication, in the sketch of the career of her brother, James Douglass. After his marriage Mr. Sage continued his business operation at Toledo for some time and later he became associated with the brothers of his wife in the fishing industry on Lake Michigan, their headquarters having been maintained at Manitowoc and Two Rivers, Wisconsin, for some time, and their operations having also been carried on at Whitefish Point and other lake ports of that state. After a few years of identification with this line of enterprise Mr. Sage returned to Ohio, where he became associated with Cyrus N. Davis in the same line of business from Lake Erie ports. Success here attended his undertakings and he continued his alliance with the fishing industry several years, the while the family home was maintained in the Village of Huron, where he long continued to reside, though the last few years of his long and useful life were passed in well earned retirement and in the home of his son, George J., of this review, one and one-half miles from the village mentioned. This homestead, where he died on the 20th of January, 1898, at the age of about seventy-five years, is the present home of his son, George J., the property having been purchased by himself on the 4th of March, 1860. Here his loved wife likewise passed the gracious evening of her life, and she was summoned to eternal rest on the 13th of June, 1912, at a venerable age. Both were well and favorably known throughout this part of Ohio and their names merit enduring place on the roll of the sterling and honored pioneers of Erie County.

The present homestead farm of George J. Sage comprises seventy-five acres of most fertile and arable land and the same includes nearly all of the original tract purchased by his father in 1860. The fine place is attractively situated between the Berlin and Lake highways, with frontage on each of these roads, and the residence, an attractive house of seven rooms is in proximity to the Berlin Road, with a commanding view of the lake and harbor. Mr. Sage has made excellent improvements on his land and has proved himself one of the thrifty, progressive and successful farmers and stock-raisers of his native township, where he manifests deep interest in all that touches the communal welfare, though never a seeker of office, insistent partisanship being not observed by him in politics, as he prefers to give his support to men and measures meeting the approval of his judgment. He and his wife are communicants of Christ Church, Protestant Episcopal, in the Village of Huron, and there also he is affiliated with Marks Lodge, No. 359, Free and Accepted Masons.

In 1883, in Milan Township, this county, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Sage to Miss Clara A. Cummings, who was born in the City of Toledo, on the 4th of August, 1861, and whose parents passed the closing years of their lives in Milan Township, where they established their residence in the spring of 1883. Mrs. Sage was afforded the advantages of the public schools, and was a student in the Huron High School while residing in this village in the home of her aunt. She is a daughter of James and Charlotte E. (Stephens) Cummings, the former of whom was born at Sullivan, Ashland County, this state, on the 5th of October, 1830, and the latter of whom was born at Bellevue, Huron County, on the 17th of February of the same year. Mrs. Cummings was called to the life eternal on the 5th of December, 1906, and her husband did not long survive

her, as he passed away on the 18th of June, 1909. Mr. Cummings devoted the major part of his active life to agricultural pursuits in connection with which he attained to definite success. He was one of the argonauts who made their way to the newly discovered gold fields of California, in 1849, and was a youth when he thus endured the hardships and perils incidental to the long and weary journey across the plains to the New Eldorado. He was identified with mining in California and Nevada, and after returning to the East he finally went again to the Pacific Coast, making the trip by way of the Isthmus of Panama and remaining a few years, this second venture into the distant and isolated State of California having been made principally for the benefit of his health and his second return trip to the East having been made after the completion and by the medium of the Southern Pacific Railroad. On his first trip to California he had driven a number of cattle across the plains and upon his arrival at his destination he was enabled to dispose of this stock at very high prices. Mrs. Cummings was a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Merry) Stephens and she was a young woman at the time when her parents established their home in Milan Township, Erie County, upon their removal from Huron County, her mother having been a daughter of Ebenezer Merry, who was one of the honored and influential pioneers of Erie County and one of the founders of the village of Milan. Ebenezer Merry made the trip from Mentor, Lake County, to what is now Erie County by means of ox teams, with which he traversed swamps and densely timbered districts and became one of the very early settlers in Milan Township, where he laid out the Village of Milan at a time when the Indians were much in evidence in this part of the historic old Western Reserve. At Milan he built and placed in operations one of the first grist mills in Erie County, and his versatility of talent made him specially influential and valued in the pioneer community. His hospitable home was the local inn for the stranger and wayfarer, and in the same he kept his cobbler's bench and appurtenances, for the purpose of providing a means of mending the footwear of his neighbors, besides which he showed his skill to a higher degree by frequently manufacturing boots and shoes by the old-time fashion of hand work. His little log house was the first in the locality to be equipped with glass windows and he otherwise stood remarkable for his progressiveness under the conditions that then obtained.

Jacob Stephens was born November 1, 1799, presumably in the State of Connecticut, and his death occurred January 19, 1841. His wife was born November 14, 1803, and was of venerable age at the time of her death. Jacob Stephens was a son of Samuel Stephens, who was born in Connecticut, in 1756, and who was a pioneer citizen of Ohio at the time of his death, his wife, whose maiden name was Anna Brooks, having been a native of Boston and a member of a family which had prominent representatives in the historic "Boston Tea Party." She was born April 4, 1757, and died June 30, 1842.

Mr. and Mrs. Sage have but one child, William C., who was born January 28, 1888, and who was afforded the advantages of Oberlin College and also of Purdue University, at Lafayette, Indiana, in which latter institution he completed a thorough course in electrical engineering and was graduated as a member of the class of 1910. Thereafter he was for two years in the employ of the General Electric Company, at Schenectady, New York, and this great corporation then sent him to the city of San Francisco, where he now has charge of the Motor Control out of that branch office. At Vermilion, South Dakota, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Edna I. Cromer, a daughter of Rev. Jeremiah Cromer, a clergyman of the Congregational Church. The one child of this marriage is Ellen C., who was born January 3, 1913.

Henry Shirley

HENRY SHIRLEY. Of all the Great Lakes, Erie is foremost in the production of fish on a commercial scale. Many firms have been engaged in this industry and around the lake shore can be found hundreds of the well known and substantial families whose activities have been mainly directed to this branch of business. Of the many men and families whose activities connect them socially with Lake Erie and its primary industry at Huron, none are perhaps better known or more prominent than the Shirleys. Shirley is a name that goes back into the earliest history of this section of Erie County and the firm of Shirley Brothers have some special distinctions as fishermen and they and their family deserve special mention in the pages of this publication. The firm comprises Henry Shirley and his brother, Orley W., both tried and experienced veterans of the fishing industry. Both have been identified with the pursuit more or less actively since they were fourteen years of age. For the past ten years they have been independently operating and have at Huron well-equipped quarters, formerly the twine and fish house of the Kishman Company. Both men are masters of their trade, and are skilled not only in the practical business of fishing in the deep waters of Lake Erie but also in the details of their industry as net makers, and like many other fishermen around the lake, they manufacture all their own equipment. They own and operate a fine fishing boat and deserve much commendation for their success.

Only a few people understand the general methods of the commercial fisherman in Lake Erie, and as a result of this lack of knowledge many misconceptions have arisen and in some cases have resulted in an unwise interference with the substantial business of those who pursue this work as a means of livelihood. The Shirley Brothers operate eighteen double-tunnel trap nets of the Earl pattern, better known among fishermen as the hell-devil trap net. The word "trap" as applied to this net has proved unfortunate, since it has been the cause of institution of a number of measures in the Legislature to prevent fishing by any means employing devices that could in any way be called traps. As a matter of fact this type of net is in practical use the most humane method of taking fish. The entrance of the net is in heart shape, from which the fish enter the long leads extending from twenty-two to twenty-four rods in length, and thence pass through tunnels into a "crib" about twelve feet long by seven or nine feet wide, and then by other tunnels continue on into another crib, where unable to proceed further, they must remain captive until the net and its contents are raised to the boats. In passing into these cribs the fish go through tunnels which extend about two-thirds of the length of the cribs, and while entrance is easy, the fish never find exit through the noses of these tunnels, and as it is the nature of fish to seek the deepest water, they immediately, after entering the nose toward the top of the crib, sink down to the bottom and remain there. Like all other firms engaged in fishing on extensive scale with nets, the Shirley Brothers pay a large annual revenue to the Government for the privilege. They keep their nets and boats in operation about eight months of the year, beginning in March and continuing until late in the fall. They handle many tons of fish every year, and this product is distributed to the retail trade all over the country.

The Shirley Brothers were both born in the same house in the Village of Huron. There were nine other brothers and one sister. These brothers now occupy one home on Center Street. Henry was born August 14, 1856, and his brother, Orley W., on March 13, 1863. Both were reared and educated in the village and have always lived in Huron. Since he was fourteen years old Henry Shirley has practically lived on and close to the edge of Lake Erie, the greatest body of fishing waters in the world. Orley likewise began when a boy as a fisherman, but subsequently spent

a part of each year from 1885 to 1910 as a sailor on the Great Lakes. Since 1910 he has been actively identified with his brother in the above firm. Orley is unmarried, and makes his home with his brother Henry.

The early record of the Shirley family in Huron is of particular interest to any historical account. The grandfather, Abitha Shirley, was one of the first pioneers in Huron, having located in this part of Northern Ohio in the early years of the last century. He did much to keep up the activities and to build up the early town, having conducted one of the first inns or hotels, and having secured a large tract of land, all now in the corporation limits, donated a block for town purposes, and on that site the present town hall stands. He was a man of prominence, and in his character and activities was a fine type of the early settler. His death occurred as a result of the plague of cholera in 1834. He was born in Massachusetts, possibly in the Village of Shirley, and was one of the New Englanders who came out to occupy a portion of the "fire lands" in the Western Reserve not long after the War of 1812. One of his daughters, named Sarah, was born on the peninsula off the shore of Huron in Erie County as early as 1815. This daughter died after her marriage to Charles Atwater. Abitha Shirley had four sons and two daughters, all of whom are long since deceased.

Barton Shirley, one of the younger of the children, and the father of Shirley Brothers, was born in Huron, February 23, 1825. The date of his birth of itself indicates an extraordinarily early residence of the family in this community. The presence of Lake Erie early attracted his energies, and he spent practically all his active life as a fisherman. His death occurred on New Year's Eve in 1887. He was married in Erie County to Rhoda Martin, who was born near Montreal, Canada, and when a small girl was brought to Huron by her parents, Francis and Angeline (Lafayette) Martin. Her parents were of French parentage and both natives of Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Martin spent the rest of their lives in Erie County and died when quite old. Frank Martin, a brother of Mr. Shirley's mother, lives in Cleveland, Ohio, and is now ninety years old, the last of that old pioneer family of Martins. He was born near Montreal, Canada. Rhoda Shirley survived her husband and died in Huron in 1908 at the age of eighty-one. She was an attendant of the Episcopal Church, and in politics both the Shirley and Martin families were early whigs and later republicans.

Mr. Henry Shirley was married in Huron, Ohio, in 1888 to Miss Elizabeth C. Kritzer. She was born in Erie County, July 8, 1868, and was educated in the locality of her birth. Mr. and Mrs. Shirley have six children: Milton J., now twenty-six years of age, is a fisherman; Munson G., aged twenty-four, is a cement worker, and still unmarried; Manola is the wife of Basil Doane, of Detroit, Michigan; Gladys, who like the other daughters, has been liberally educated, is a member of the high school class of 1915; Abbie is now in the first grade of the high school; and Elnora, the youngest, is also in school.

Fred H. Washburn. The value of a useful occupation, of making one's energy count toward one thing, of forging steadily and energetically ahead regardless of obstacles and discouragements, found expression in the life of the late Fred H. Washburn, who for a number of years was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Huron Township. Mr. Washburn squared his account with the world in a manly and honest way, and when he died, July 10, 1908, it was felt that the community owed him much for the lesson in faithfulness and thoroughness taught by his success.

Fred H. Washburn was born near Milan, Erie County, Ohio, on the old Washburn homestead, January 28, 1866, the third child of his parents, the other two children being Theodore R., who still resides at Milan,

is married and has two sons; and Mrs. Joseph Cutler, living on the old homestead, who has no children. Mr. Washburn was given good educational advantages in his youth, attending the public schools of Milan and the Milan Normal School, and was brought up to agricultural pursuits, in which he was engaged throughout his life. After his marriage he located on a farm in Milan Township, where he resided for ten years, there making some general improvements, including the erection of a home, which was destroyed by fire and which he subsequently replaced. In 1905 Mr. Washburn disposed of his interests in Milan Township and came to Huron Township, where he purchased a tract of 224 acres of fine land, located on South Main Street, two miles south of the Village of Huron. This continued to be his home during the remaining years of his life, and although he died when only forty-two years of age, he had already attained what it takes many men a lifetime to accomplish. Twin Poplars Farm, named for the two magnificent poplar trees which stand in the front yard, is a valuable property, its soil being a loam with a sub-soil of clay, suitable for raising corn, wheat and oats, and frequently producing 3,000 bushels of each. While the majority of the property was put under cultivation by Mr. Washburn there is still a good growth of timber, some sixty acres. The house, a large commodious residence painted white, contains twelve rooms, fitted with every comfort and convenience, while the other buildings include a large bank barn, 40x60 feet, for stock and grain, a modern buggy, automobile and tool shed, a corn crib accommodating 2,500 bushels of corn, and a roomy chicken house and other buildings. Mr. Washburn made somewhat of a specialty of chickens and other poultry and always kept the best breed. He was known as one of the most practical, progressive and intelligent agriculturists of his locality and was a firm believer in modern methods and improved machinery, and in his death Erie County lost one of its firmest supporters of the elevation of agricultural standards. As a citizen he took a leading part in movements promising the betterment of his community, and among his acquaintances and business associates he was known as a man of the highest integrity, whose transactions were always carried on in an honorable and straightforward manner. In politics he was a republican, and his religious connection was with the Presbyterian Church, while fraternally he affiliated with Erie Lodge No. 239, F. & A. M., and the P. of H.

On December 24, 1890, Mr. Washburn was united in marriage with Miss Emma Heimburger, at the bride's home in Huron Township, where she was born February 4, 1868, a daughter of William Heimburger, a well known agriculturist of Huron Township, where he still resides. The eldest of her parents' children, she was educated in the schools of this township and grew up and was married here, and since her husband's death has been conducting the farm in a manner that shows she is possessed of much business ability. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Washburn: Walter H., born in 1892, educated in the graded and high schools and a business college, and now residing at home with his mother, still single and a member of Marks Lodge No. 639, F. & A. M.; George T., born January 14, 1896, who graduated from the Huron High School in 1914; Edith Marion, born April 15, 1897, and now a junior at the Huron High School; and Dorothy Lena, born February 13, 1905, who is in the fifth grade at the Huron public school. Mrs. Washburn and her children are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Joy Diggins. Although the labors of Joy Diggins belong to the past rather than to the present of Erie County, he having died November 19, 1898, he is still remembered among the people of Huron Township as an industrious agriculturist and as a citizen whose upright and honest life

won him the esteem and regard of the members of his community. He was born on the West Huron road, in Huron Township, Erie County, Ohio, March 27, 1857, a son of Richard and Ann (Large) Diggins.

The parents of Mr. Diggins were born in Cambridge, England, and belonged to an old and honored family of that place, where the name has been well known for generations. After their marriage, and the birth of one daughter, now Mrs. Mary Purcell, of Perkins Township, they emigrated to the United States and either in the late '40s or early '50s came from New York to Erie County, Ohio. Here they passed the remaining years of their lives in agricultural pursuits in Perkins and Huron townships, the mother dying at the age of fifty-seven years and the father when he was sixty. They were highly esteemed people and faithful members of the Methodist Church, and reared their children to lives of honesty and industry. Of their children, two still survive: Mrs. Mary Purcell and Clark Diggins, both residents of Perkins Township.

Joy Diggins was reared on a farm in Huron Township, and passed his early days in much the same manner as other Ohio farmers' sons of that day, dividing his time between working on the home farm in the summer months and attending the district schools during the winter terms. He was married in 1883 to Miss Mary M. Harris, and at that time they went to live on Mrs. Diggins' farm in Huron Township, where he continued to follow the pursuits of the soil up to the time of his death. He was a good and skilled farmer, raising large crops and employing the latest methods in his work, and had he lived would doubtless have become one of his locality's successful men. In politics he was a staunch republican, but found no time to engage in public affairs save to cast his vote and support good men and beneficial movements. While Mr. Diggins was a member of no church, the existence of God and the innate divinity of Christ were to him lasting verities. Practical morality was to him more than any theoretical religion, and it was this principle which he sought to bring into his daily life.

Mary M. Harris was born on the old Harris homestead, near the one where she now lives, in Huron Township, Erie County, Ohio, June 23, 1844; was here reared and educated, and has always lived in this community. In 1883 she received her present farm, a tract of fifty-eight acres of good soil, well developed and having good improvements, including a large barn and a small but well constructed and comfortable residence. She is a daughter of William and Rachel (Powell) (Bedford) Harris, whose other children were George, William Thomas, Priscilla and Elizabeth Ann. All the children grew up, were married and had children, except Priscilla, who was married but died without issue. All are now deceased except Mrs. Diggins, and their children are to be found now in various parts of the United States.

William Harris was born in Herfordshire, near Kingston, England, January 25, 1807, and his wife on the same date in 1806, at Prestyger, Herfordshire. He was a son of Thomas Harris, who was born in 1777, and brought up to farming, and became the owner of a small farm called the Wold, where both he and his wife, who had been a Miss Farr, both passed their lives and died. A very well authenticated tradition of the family is that the older ancestors were related to Lord Stanton of England. William M. Harris was a young man when he came to the United States on a sailing vessel, and settled in Erie County, Ohio, in 1833. He met and married Mrs. Rachel Bedford, nee Powell, in Detroit, Michigan, in June, 1832. She had been married to William Bedford in England and with him had come to America, where he died. There were six children in her first family, but all were at that time deceased with the exception of one, John Bedford, who later died at Jackson, Michigan, when past eighty years of age, twice married, but without children. After

their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Harris settled in Erie County, Ohio, where they secured a small piece of land in the southwest part of Huron Township. Through industry, energy and good management they were able to add to this original tract from time to time until they became the owners of 343 acres of rich and valuable land, on which they made numerous improvements. They lived long, useful and active lives, the father passing away April 27, 1883, and the mother October 31, 1881. He attended the Free Will Baptist Church, in which Mrs. Harris had been baptized and was an active member, and in its work and movements in Erie County they took an active part, donating liberally of their means to its support. As honest, upright, God-fearing people, doing their duty according to the dictates of conscience, they were much esteemed in the community in which they lived and labored for so many years. Mr. Harris was a stanch republican in his political views, but did not seek personal preferment, being content to spend his life as a good agriculturist and honest neighbor.

To Mr. and Mrs. Diggins there was born one daughter, Ruby Beatrice, born November 6, 1885, who was educated in the graded schools of Huron Township and brought up under excellent training. She was married to Louis Schnell, who was born and reared in Oxford Township, Erie County, the son of German parents. Mr. Schnell is one of the industrious agriculturists of this part of the county and is engaged in operating Mrs. Diggins' homestead. Throughout her life Mrs. Diggins has been a hard-working and industrious woman, and has displayed in a remarkable degree business qualities not usually found in her sex. Her long residence in Erie County has made her widely known here, and in her acquaintance she numbers numerous warm and appreciative friends.

William Starr. Lying on South Main Street, one and one-half miles south of the Village of Huron, is located Overlook Farm, a property of eighty-five acres which is in every way illustrative of the results which may be obtained by intelligent and practical treatment of the soil. While not so large as some farms in this vicinity, it is accounted one of the most valuable, for its owner, William Starr, has devoted the best years of his life to its cultivation and improvement and the result of his labors justifies the toil, thought and care he has bestowed upon it. Mr. Starr, who is one of the representative agriculturists and public-spirited citizens of Huron Township, has made his home on this property for forty-two years, having been brought here by his father when less than one year old from Norwalk, Ohio, where he was born September 10, 1872. His father, Joseph Starr, was born in the State of New York, about the year 1815, and was thirteen or fourteen years of age when brought to Norwalk, Ohio, where he was educated, reared and married. His wife's first name was Elizabeth, but she died when her son, William, was but a few months old, and he remembers nothing of her, her name having even been forgotten. Not long after the death of his wife, Joseph Starr came to Erie County and purchased the farm on which his son now lives. It was at that time practically a wilderness, there having been little clearing made on it, but he worked faithfully and energetically, gradually cleared the land of its brush and timber, plowed and planted the land, and lived to see it develop into a productive farm whose golden crops repaid him well for his labor. He continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his life, and died in 1893. Mr. Starr did not aspire to public office, but was content to pass his life on his farm, winning the regard and respect of his neighbors which are always the reward for an industrious and well-spent life. Many of his old crude tools and implements are still in the possession of his son, who cherishes them as reminders of the fact that the early farmer's lot was a different one from that which confronts

the agriculturist of today and as remembrances of one of the sturdy pioneers who made the development of Erie County possible.

William Starr grew up amid what might be called pioneer surroundings and was early taught the value of hard work and thrift. While he was gaining his literary education in the public school in the winter months, his father taught him well the lessons of the farm, and in both cases the lad showed himself an apt and retentive scholar. From his father he inherited a practicality that has stood him in good stead in later years, but he has been constantly alive also to the possibilities brought forth by modern scientific measures, and there is perhaps no more progressive farmer in Huron Township. He rotates his crops and grows large crops of all products that are raised in this locality, including potatoes, and is constantly seeking to elevate agricultural standards. Mr. Starr's property boasts excellent buildings, including a handsome residence and large red barns, and his machinery is of the latest and most highly improved manufacture. He keeps fully abreast of the constantly changing developments of agriculture, holding membership in Huron Grange No. 1385, in which he has been steward for about twelve years, while Mrs. Starr is treasurer of the order. He is also one of the charter members and was an organizer of the Farmers Institute at Huron. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, in which he has passed all the chairs and was an active worker for some years. His political belief is that of the democratic party, and while he has not cared for public office, his sympathies are keen and broad, leading him to co-operate in every scheme calculated to advance the general good or to ameliorate the condition of his fellow-men.

Mr. Starr was married in 1901 in Huron Township, to Miss Fannie May Young, who was born at Boone, Iowa, in 1873, and reared and educated at that place, a daughter of Lewis and Maggie (Robbins) Young. Mr. Young fought as a soldier in the commissary department of the Confederate army during the Civil war, and subsequently moved to Boone, Iowa, where he died several years ago at the age of seventy-two years. Mrs. Young, who survives her husband, makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Starr and is still hale and hearty in spite of her advanced years. Mr. and Mrs. Starr have no children.

William Heimburger. Erie County has had much to gain and nothing to lose through acquiring of a very appreciable contingent of sterling citizens of German birth or lineage, and representatives of this honored class in the community have been especially prominent and influential as thrifty and progressive exponents of the great basic industry of agriculture. Such an one is the venerable and highly esteemed citizen whose name introduces this article. Mr. Heimburger has been a resident of Erie County for sixty years and has resided upon his present homestead farm since 1865, the same being eligibly situated in Huron Township and having been by him developed into one of the fine landed estates of the county.

Mr. Heimburger was born in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, on the 29th of February, 1836, and is a son of Diebold and Christina (Herrenknecht) Heimburger, both of whom were born and reared in Baden, where their marriage was solemnized and where the devoted wife and mother died in 1839, in young womanhood. She left two young children, William, of this review, having been about three years of age, and his sister, Barbara, having been still younger. Barbara continued to reside in Baden until her death, and was survived by a number of her children. Several years after the death of his first wife Diebold Heimburger contracted a second marriage, and, singularly enough, the maiden name of his wife was the same as his first,—Christina Herren-

knecht,—though the two families claimed no kinship. Mrs. Heimburger cared with all of kindliness and solicitude for the motherless children who thus came under her charge, and she herself became the mother of one son, Diebold, Jr.

In his native place William Heimburger was reared to adult age on his father's farm, and in the meanwhile he duly availed himself of the advantages of the excellent schools of the locality. In 1854, at the age of eighteen years, he severed the ties that bound him to home and fatherland and set forth to seek his fortunes in the United States, where he felt assured of better opportunities for achieving independence and success through individual effort. At Havre-de-Grace, France, he embarked on a sailing vessel, and after a voyage of twenty-eight days duration he landed in the port of New York City on the 28th of May of that year. Soon afterward he made his way to the City of Philadelphia, and after working about six months on a farm in that vicinity he came to Erie County, Ohio, where he readily found similar employment on a farm near Bloomingville. In 1856, largely through his financial aid, his father, stepmother and half-brother joined him, they likewise having made the voyage to America on an old-time sailing vessel. He then rented land in Perkins Township and instituted his independent career as a farmer. Three years later he purchased a tract of thirty-six acres in the same township, and on this place he and his parents remained eight years, within which period he made numerous improvements on the farm. In 1865 Mr. Heimburger disposed of this property and purchased seventy acres of his present homestead place, in Huron Township. The land was exceptionally fertile and with characteristic energy and discrimination he set himself to the cultivation and improvement of his property. The original family domicile was a pioneer log cabin, but in 1873 he erected his present fine residence, which comprises eleven rooms, which has been kept in excellent repair, has been improved from time to time, and which remains one of the model farm homes of this part of the county. The other buildings on the homestead are of substantial order and admirably adapted to the uses for which they were provided, the buildings including a large barn 36 by 90 feet in dimensions. Everything pertaining to the well improved landed estate of Mr. Heimburger gives evidence of thrift and prosperity and of the careful attention that has constantly been given to all details of the farm work and management. The farm gives generous yields of the various crops best suited to this section of the state, and Mr. Heimburger has been specially successful in the growing of potatoes, large quantities of which he places on the market each year. The place also has a fine apple and peach orchard, the same having been developed entirely through the enterprising efforts of Mr. Heimburger, who also has long been known as a breeder and grower of excellent grades of live stock. In the homestead place he has at the present time 123 acres, and he is the owner also of another well improved farm, of sixty-two acres, which likewise is situated in Huron Township. At his home his father died at the venerable age of seventy-six years, and his stepmother at the age of seventy-two, the memories of both being revered by him and by all others who came within the compass of their kindly influence. They were earnest members of the Evangelical Church and the father espoused the cause of the republican party after becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States. Mr. Heimburger's half-brother, Diebold Heimburger, Jr., served three years as a valiant soldier of the Union in the Civil war and participated in numerous important engagements. At the battle of Chattanooga he received a severe gunshot wound in the left leg, and after being discharged from the military hospital he returned home, having been honorably discharged from the army with the rank of sergeant. He became one of the prosperous farmers of Huron Township, where his

death occurred in 1905, his widow still remaining on the old homestead, which comprises eighty-six acres, and one son and two daughters also surviving him.

In the year 1866 was solemnized the marriage of William Heimburger to Miss Sophia Baum, who was born in Perkins Township, this county, on the 8th of April, 1842, and who was summoned to the life eternal August 9, 1900. She was a woman of gentle and unassuming worth of character, a devoted wife and mother and a consistent communicant of the Evangelical Church. Mr. Heimburger has always accorded stalwart allegiance to the democratic party but never having manifested any desire for public office. Mrs. Heimburger was a daughter of George and Mary (Ernst) Baum, who, in company with their three children, immigrated to America in 1833 and who established their home in the forest wilds of Erie County, where the father reclaimed a farm in Perkins Township, the original place of abode having been a log cabin, for the erection of which he had to make a clearing in the forest. He and his wife passed the residue of their lives on the fine farm which he developed from the wilds, she having been fifty-eight years old at the time of her death and he having attained to the venerable age of eighty-three years. Both were zealous members of the Evangelical Church. All of their children are now deceased and all are survived by children. Mr. and Mrs. Heimburger became the parents of nine children, of whom Elizabeth, George and Edward died in childhood. Emma, who resides on her farm in Huron Township, is the widow of Frederick Washburn, and she has four children: Walter, George, Edith and Dorothy. Wilhelmina Rose became the wife of Christopher Koehler and her death occurred at her home in Sandusky, Ohio, on the 28th of July, 1914; she is survived by her husband and by one son, Carl. Lena R., who continued her studies in the public schools until she had completed the curriculum of the high school at Huron, is one of the popular young women of Huron Township and since the death of her loved mother has presided over the domestic affairs of the paternal home. Sophia is the wife of Glenn O'Dell, a prosperous farmer and fruitgrower of Huron Township, and they have no children. William C., who is a representative young farmer of his native township, resides upon his fine homestead on the Bogart Road. He wedded Miss Mary Haecker, of Sandusky, and they have four children: Arthur, Walter, Raymond, and Marion. Carl E., the youngest of the surviving children, remains at the paternal home, and is his father's able coadjutor in the work and management of the farm.

August H. Schnell. No small share of the activities which have contributed to the definite progress of Erie County during the past fifty years has been accomplished by members of the Schnell family. August H. Schnell is a practical and prospering farmer in Huron Township, his well managed farm being located on South Main Street on rural route No. 3 out of Huron.

For many successive generations the Schnell family lived in Germany. The grandfather of Mr. Schnell was Philip Schnell, who was a farmer in Nassau and died there. His widow subsequently came to the United States and died in Erie County among her children when past eighty years of age. Philip A. Schnell, Jr., was born in the Province of Hesse-Nassau, Germany, March 31, 1835, and died May 14, 1908. He grew up and received his education in his native town, and was still young when he came to the United States in 1851. He came on a sailing vessel, and the family reached Sandusky County, Ohio. There he married Maria Schneider, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, August 7, 1842, and was a child when her parents came to America and established their home at Hessville, a German settlement in Sandusky County. After his marriage

Philip A. Schnell located on a farm of forty acres near Gibsonburg in Sandusky County, but in 1865 moved to Erie County. After coming to this county he worked as a farm laborer, and finally acquired a tract of wild land and lived in a log cabin home until he could provide better accommodations. He spent the closing years of his life on a farm of fifty acres in Oxford Township. He had previously lived in Perkins Township of Bogarts Corners. His Oxford Township farm was situated a mile and a half east of Kimball, and after his death his widow lived with her daughter Mrs. Henry Behrens until her death on January 8, 1913. Both parents were earnest and lifelong members of the Lutheran Church. They helped organize and were charter members of St. John's Lutheran Church at Union Corners and continued their affiliation with that church until their death. Philip Schnell was an active democrat, and for twenty-five years served as assessor of Oxford Township. In that capacity he came to know every man and woman in the township, and had a thorough knowledge and just estimate of property values and estates. His excellent judgment gave him no little prominence and he was entrusted with many duties other than those connected with his private life. He was treasurer, deacon and steward for many years in his church. His wife always acted in sympathy with him in church and other affairs, and they were people of the highest class in that community. During the Civil war he was drafted for service, and paid for a substitute in the army. In their family were fourteen children, two of whom died young, seven sons and five daughters reached adult age, ten of them married, and all have families but one.

August H. Schnell was born in Oxford Township on the farm above mentioned June 23, 1877. He pursued his education in the public schools and on reaching his majority started out to engage in his chosen calling as a farmer. For the past seven years he has operated the William Scheid farm on South Main Street in Huron Township. His position as a farmer is now one of assured success. He grows fine crops of all varieties, corn, wheat and oats and potatoes and keeps some excellent grades of live stock.

In Oxford Township he married Miss Mary Weilnau. She was born in that township, August 24, 1880, and received her education there. Her parents were Carl and Ann (Speck) Weilnau. Her father was born in Nassau, Germany, September 23, 1840, and his wife was born in Alsace April 19, 1845. She came to the United States and to Erie County, Ohio, in 1860, having made the passage on a sailing vessel from Havre, France, along with about fifty other passengers, and after a rough voyage they landed in New York City, August 10, 1860. She came on with her brother George Speck to Huron County, and George afterwards married and lived in Michigan. After the marriage of Carl and Ann Weilnau in 1862, they lived in Huron County for a few years, and then moved to Oxford Township in Erie County. They continued as active farmers there until quite recently, and are now living retired with their daughter Mrs. Schnell. They are members of the Evangelical Church, and Mr. Weilnau is a democrat.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Schnell were born three children: Mabel died in infancy; Elizabeth, born November 28, 1903, is now in the fourth grade of the public schools; Cleota was born January 11, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Schnell are both members of the Lutheran Church, he is a democrat in politics, and is now giving some capable public service as superintendent of roads in Huron Township.

Henry Behrens. Since 1896 Mr. Behrens has owned and resided upon his present fine homestead farm of 113 acres, the same being eligibly situated in Huron Township, with service on rural free mail route No. 3,

from the Village of Huron. The land is of distinctive fertility, nearly all of the tract being available for effective cultivation, and the progressive policies and scientific methods brought to bear by the owner have resulted making the soil "bring forth its increase" each successive season, with attending profit, the while the entire place breathes forth thrift and prosperity. In addition to obtaining excellent yields of the various crops best adapted to the soil and climate, Mr. Behrens has achieved marked success also in the raising of high-grade live stock, and even as he is one of the representative farmers of Erie County, so also is he a loyal and upright citizen who merits and receives the full measure of popular confidence and good will. The buildings on the farm are of substantial order, including a brick house of seven rooms and a barn 40 by 60 feet in dimensions. Mr. Behrens is a man of unassuming character and as an industrious and far-sighted farmer he well exemplifies the traits for which the German class of agriculturists have been conspicuous in America, he being of staunch German lineage and a member of a well known family of Erie County, within whose borders he has maintained his home from the time of his birth.

Mr. Behrens was born in Oxford Township, this county, on the 31st of January, 1866, and from his youth to the present time he has been closely identified with agricultural pursuits, through the medium of which he has achieved success worthy of the name. His education was acquired in the public schools and under the effective direction of that wisest of instructors, experience. He initiated his independent career as a young man and was engaged in farming on rented land until his purchase of his present farm.

Mr. Behrens is a son of John and Sophia (Schaeffer) Behrens, both of whom were born in Germany, though in different sections of that great empire, Mrs. Behrens having been a native of the Duchy of Nassau, which is now an integral part of the Province of Hesse-Nassau. John Behrens was born in October, 1829, and his wife in 1839. He died on his old homestead farm in Oxford Township, this county, in June, 1901, and his widow, though nearing the eightieth milestone on the journey of life, retains her mental and physical powers to a wonderful degree, she being still a resident of Oxford Township, where she lives with her sons, William and Charles. Both she and her husband were young folk when they came to America and their marriage was solemnized in Oxford Township, where Mr. Behrens developed an excellent farm of ninety-four acres, to which he added by the purchasing of other tracts from time to time, until he accumulated a valuable landed estate of 287 acres, twenty acres in Milan Township, and the remainder in Oxford Township. He was a man of indefatigable industry and of mature judgment, his enterprise was shown by his erecting good buildings on his homestead, and he gave during the long years of his application to agricultural pursuits an example well worthy of emulation. Mr. Behrens took an active and loyal interest in community affairs, was a stalwart supporter of the cause of the democratic party, but he never sought or held public office. He was a consistent communicant of the Lutheran Church, as is also his widow. They became the parents of eight children, all of whom attained to years of maturity and all but one of whom, Charles, married. John continued his residence in this county until his death and is survived by three sons. Frederick resides in Huron County, is married and has a family of children. Dora is the wife of William Schick, of Norwalk, Huron County, and they have one daughter. Louis is a prosperous farmer in Milan Township and he and his wife have four children. Nettie is the wife of Louis Rau, of Milan Township, and they have two sons and two daughters. William remains on the old homestead in Oxford Township, as does also Charles, who is a bachelor, William having wedded Miss Lena Hildebrand and their only child being a son.

John E. V. Bragg

Henry Behrens, the immediate subject of this review, was reared to manhood on the old homestead farm in Oxford Township, and after severing his association with the work and management of the home farm he was engaged in farming on rented land until he purchased his present homestead, as noted in a preceding paragraph, and his advancement has been the direct result of his own well ordered endeavors as an agriculturist and stockgrower.

As a young man Mr. Behrens married Miss Rose M. Schnell, who was born in Perkins Township, this county, in 1868, but who was reared and educated in Oxford Township. She has been to her husband an effective coadjutor and devoted helpmeet, and he ascribes much of his success to her earnest co-operation, as they have pressed forward side by side to the goal of independence and definite prosperity. Mrs. Behrens is a daughter of Philip and Maria (Snyder) Schnell, the former of whom was born in the Province of Hesse-Nassau, Germany, on the 29th of March, 1839, and the latter of whom was born in the Kingdom of Bavaria on the 11th of August, 1842, she having been a child at the time of the family immigration to America and her parents having established their home at Hessville, a German settlement in Sandusky County, Ohio. There she was reared and educated and there was solemnized her marriage to Philip Schnell, who was a scion of a sterling old family of Hesse-Nassau and having come with his parents to the United States in 1851, the voyage having been made on a sailing vessel of the type common to that period. After his marriage Philip Schnell located on a farm of forty acres near Gibsonburg, Sandusky County, Ohio, where the home was maintained until the close of the Civil war, removal having been made to Erie County in 1865 and the father of Mrs. Behrens having passed the closing years of his life on his homestead farm of fifty acres in Oxford Township, where his death occurred on the 14th of May, 1908, his widow having passed the closing years of her life at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Behrens, and having been summoned to the land of the leal on the 8th of January, 1913, her death having occurred a few months prior to her seventy-first birthday anniversary. Both she and her husband were earnest and lifelong communicants of the Lutheran Church. Of their family of fourteen children eleven attained to maturity and are still living, and all save one of the number are married.

Mr. and Mrs. Behrens have two children: Leonora Dorothea, who was graduated in the Huron High School as a member of the class of 1915, remains at the parental home, and is a popular young woman in the social activities of the community; the younger daughter, Maria Sophia, who celebrated her twelfth birthday anniversary in 1915, has completed the curriculum of the graded schools and is now attending the Huron High School. All of the family are communicants of the Lutheran Church.

Hon. John E. Bragg. While a resident farmer in Groton Township, owning a large estate in that locality and successfully directing its operations, the thing which has made the career of John E. Bragg conspicuous in Erie County has been his long continued and efficient public service. He has filled nearly all the offices of trust and responsibility in his home township, has assisted in giving vitality to some of the functions of county government, and is now Erie County's representative in the Ohio Legislature. His home is at Parkertown in Groton Township.

Born in that township July 6, 1870, he is a son of the late Samuel and Wealtha (Livengood) Bragg, the former a native of Huron County and the latter of Erie County. After the death of her husband Mrs. Wealtha Bragg married Henry H. Wood of Groton Township, who died in May, 1915, and she still lives in that locality. Samuel Bragg died in 1875, in the prime of his years and powers. He was the father of three

children: John E. and Herbert, both residents of Groton Township; and May, now deceased. Samuel Bragg was a son of John Bragg, who came to America from England, where he was born, and was numbered among the early farmer settlers of Groton Township. He spent there a long and useful career as an agriculturist, was noted for his sturdy and typical English habits and manner, was an excellent business man, acquired a sufficiency of this world's goods, and died at Bellevue, Ohio, in 1889 at the age of eighty-four. He had lived at Bellevue for a number of years before his death.

The early life of John E. Bragg was spent in Groton Township on a farm, and in spite of his active public service he has never been long dissociated from farming pursuits. For his education he attended first the public schools of his native township, was also in practice in the old normal school at Milan, and in 1889 completed the course at the Sandusky City Business College. Then for about eight years he alternately taught in Groton and Margaretta townships, and at the same time during vacation periods carried on his education in the Northern Ohio University at Ada, where he took such courses as would better fit him for his profession as an instructor.

His public service may be said to have begun as a teacher. For five years he was clerk of his home township, and for seven years was clerk of the board of education in that locality and for ten consecutive years a member of the board of education. For ten years he was committeeman from Groton Township to the Erie County Democratic Central Committee, served five years as a member of the executive committee of the county, and for two years was its secretary. In 1897 he was appointed deputy auditor of Erie County, held that position five years, and for five years was on the Erie County Blind Relief Commission. In 1914 he was chief clerk in the district assessor's office and he served a term of four years as deputy supervisor of elections for Erie County.

In November, 1914, the people of Erie County gave to Mr. Bragg a substantial majority as candidate for the Ohio General Assembly, and he began his two-year term in January, 1915. He was elected on the democratic ticket and his work has attracted notice and he is considered one of the most capable members of the present Ohio Legislature. His name is especially associated with the authorship of the Quail Bill, which is an excellent measure for the protection of these birds, and forbids hunting them for a period of two years beginning in November, 1915. He also introduced and had passed the so-called Fish Net Bill, which provided for the continuation of the use of the present size mesh in fish nets. That act was the first one to become a law in the first session of the Eighty-first General Assembly. He likewise introduced other bills on various subjects, and some of these are pending for consideration in the second session of the Assembly.

On June 29, 1893, Mr. Bragg married Miss Zella DeYo. She was born at Clyde, Ohio, a daughter of Denton DeYo, a former resident of Groton Township, but now deceased. Three children have been born into their home: Lynnetta M., who graduated from the Sandusky High School, was a student in the normal school at Bowling Green, Ohio, and is now a successful teacher in the public schools; Wealtha E., also a student in the normal school at Bowling Green; and John D., now attending the Sandusky High School.

Hon. Mr. Bragg has numerous relations with fraternal and other organizations in his county. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias at Sandusky, of the Woodmen of the World at Sandusky, the Loyal Order of Moose at that city, the Knights of the Maccabees at Bloomingville, and is especially active in the Margaretta Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, having served as master of the local order, and is a member

of the Pomona Grange of Erie County. He also belongs to the Castalia Vigilantes. His church is the Universalist and he has been clerk in the congregation.

As a farmer his ownership extends to 230 acres of land in Groton Township, one of the best managed farms in that part of the county and cultivated to the staple crops of this locality. Whether as a farmer or as an official he has stood the tests of a high-minded citizen and is a natural leader in the progress of his home county.

Frank P. Hart. He whose name initiates this paragraph has been a resident of Erie County from the time of his birth, is a scion of a sterling German family that was here founded more than sixty years ago, and he has resided on his present fine homestead farm, in the southwestern part of Huron Township, since he was a child of two years. Like his honored father, he has proved himself one of the most progressive, energetic and successful agriculturists of this section of the state, and his landed estate, with an aggregate area of 370 acres, is conceded to be one of the best improved and most effectively managed in Erie County. The Hart family has been represented by four generations in this part of the Buckeye State, and the subject of this review is a scion of the third generation, the name which he bears having ever stood exponent of the utmost civic loyalty, the most inflexible integrity and of productive industry in connection with the practical affairs of a workaday world.

Philip Hart, grandfather of Frank P., represented the first generation of the family in Ohio, though his son William preceded him and other members of the family to America. Philip Hart was born in the Duchy of Nassau, now a part of the Province of Hesse-Nassau, Germany, in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and in his native land he was reared and educated, his wife having likewise been a native of Nassau, where all of their children were born, namely: Philip, Jr., Louis, Frederick, William, and a daughter who became the wife of Jacob Nicholas.

In 1852 William Hart, father of him whose name introduces this sketch, severed the ties that bound him to home and fatherland and set forth to establish a new home in America. Embarking, at Hamburg, on a sailing vessel, he terminated his voyage at the expiration of fifteen days, by landing in the Port of New York City. With but slight tarrying in the national metropolis, he soon made his way to Sandusky, the judicial center of Erie County, Ohio, and in the vicinity he found employment on a farm, at a stipend of $12 a month. Within two years he had saved enough money from his meager earnings to assist the other members of the family in defraying the expenses of their immigration to the United States. This unselfish devotion resulted in the immigration of his parents, his three brothers, of whom Philip, Jr., and Louis had already married and were thus accompanied by their respective wives, and of the one sister. The family party made the long and weary voyage on a sailing vessel of the type common to that period, and after their arrival in Erie County all lived together for some time, or until the sons could arrange for independent venture as farmers, all of the number eventually acquiring excellent landed estates and becoming distinctively successful. The venerable father never became the owner of land in the United States, but he and his devoted wife were cared for with utmost filial solicitude by their children until they were finally summoned to the life eternal, in the fulness of years and in the high regard of all who knew them. Both were devout communicants of the Lutheran Church and to this faith their children and children's children have clung, with a few exceptions in the third and fourth generations. Of the sons, Philip, Jr., Louis and Frederick became substantial farmers and landowners in Huron County,

and there all passed the remainder of their lives, as did also their respective wives, with the exception of the widow of Philip, who is still living on their old homestead farm in that county. Jacob Nicholas, husband of the only daughter, was the owner of a large and valuable farm in Oxford Township, Erie County, where his wife died at the age of seventy years; he survived her by ten years and passed the closing period of his long and useful life in the home of his nephew, Frank P. Hart of this review, where he died at the venerable age of eighty-three years, his only child, a daughter, being likewise deceased.

William Hart was a young man at the time when he bravely took the initiative and came to the United States as the practical forerunner of the other members of this sterling family. In Oxford Township, Erie County, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Louise Hess, who likewise was a native of Nassau, Germany, where she was born in 1840, and who came alone to America when she was a young woman, she having been employed in a domestic capacity in Erie County, Ohio, up to the time of her marriage. After his marriage William Hart made his first purchase of land, a tract of seventy-five acres, on the Bloomville Road, in Perkins Township. There he and his wife, who was a woman of noble character and who was ever his devoted companion and helpmeet, established their modest home, and both worked together toward the goal of independence and definite prosperity. The original and circumscribed farm did not long serve to satisfy the ambition or afford adequate scope for the energies of Mr. Hart, with the result that in Huron Township he purchased an additional tract, the same, comprising sixty-five acres, being an integral part of the homestead farm of his son, Frank P. With increasing financial prosperity, resulting from his own well-ordered endeavors, William Hart added from time to time to his landed possessions, with the result that he eventually became the owner of more than 200 acres on the Milan Road in Huron Township, besides another tract of eighty-seven acres in this township and his original homestead of seventy-five acres in Perkins Township. On his first farm he erected substantial buildings, including a substantial house of twelve rooms, and his enterprising spirit was further evinced by his providing excellent buildings for and making other advanced improvements on his Huron Township homestead, that now occupied by his son, Frank P., of this review. Thoroughness and thrift typified every detail of his farm enterprise and he long held precedence as one of the most progressive and influential members of the farming community of Erie County, the while he always commanded inviolable place in the confidence and good will of his fellow men.

Mrs. Louise (Hess) Hart was summoned to the life eternal in 1875, a devout communicant of the Lutheran Church and a woman whose gentle and gracious personality gained to her the affectionate regard of all who came within the sphere of her influence. William Hart subsequently contracted a second marriage, by his union with Mary St. John, who was born and reared in Ohio and who still resides on their homestead farm in Perkins Township, a place to which they repaired after having resided several years in the City of Sandusky, no children having been born of their union. Mrs. Hart has attained to the psalmist's life-span of three score years and ten and is a zealous member of the Baptist Church. On the homestead in Perkins Township William Hart passed to his reward in November, 1909, at a venerable age, and well may it be said that "his works do follow him" and bear honor to his memory. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party and he was a consistent communicant of the Lutheran Church, in the faith of which he was reared. William and Louise (Hess) Hart became the parents of seven sons and seven daughters, of whom Frank P. was the seventh in order of birth, and

of the number five sons and four daughters are living in 1915. All are married and have children and four of the number are residents of Erie County.

Frank P. Hart was born on the farm in Oxford Township, where his parents resided a few years, and the date of his nativity was March 27, 1862, and he was two years of age at the time of the family removal to the homestead which has ever since continued his abiding place and which is endeared to him by the gracious memories and associations of the past, the remains of his parents resting side by side in the Scott Cemetery in Milan Township. Mr. Hart was afforded the advantages of the public schools of Erie County, early began to contribute his quota to the work of the home farm, and is grateful that he was thus able to acquire his initial and inspiring experience under the able direction of his honored father. Like the latter, he stands exponent of energy, progressiveness and good judgment in his operations as an agriculturist and as a grower of high-grade livestock, and like his father he has made of success not an accident but a logical result. It is much to a man's credit to be pronounced one of the foremost representatives of these basic lines of industry in Erie County, and this reputation is fully merited in the case of Mr. Hart. He occupies the substantial residence that was erected by his father, but has made many substantial improvements of modern type, besides which he has erected other high-grade buildings on the home place, including a barn that is 30x96 feet in dimensions. His estate comprises some of the best land to be found in this section of Ohio and his scientific methods insure to it the maximum of productiveness. On the homestead farm, which comprises 202 acres, Mr. Hart has erected a second set of substantial farm buildings, including a good house, and his farm of seventy-five acres in Milan Township is similarly well improved, as is also his father's original homestead in Perkins Township, a property which he owns, the aggregate area of his landed estate being 373 acres, as noted in the initial paragraph of this article. Mr. Hart has on his home place an excellent apple orchard of four acres and also a small cherry orchard. He and his sons are supporters of the cause of the democratic party in national affairs, but in local matters are not constrained by strict partisan lines. The family are communicants of the Lutheran Church at Union Corners, and Mr. Hart is a trustee of the same.

In the City of Sandusky, in 1884, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hart to Miss Margaret Kraft, who was born in Nassau, Germany, on the 20th of April, 1864, and who was three years of age at the time of the family immigration to the United States. She is a daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Schlessman) Kraft, who came to America in the late '60s, and who established their home in the City of Sandusky, where Mr. Kraft became identified with the lumber business and where his death occurred in 1880. His first wife passed away in 1872 and he later wedded Reca Lipp, who contracted a second marriage after his demise and who is again widowed, her home being at Fremont, Sandusky County. Mrs. Hart is the only daughter of her parents, and her brother, Jacob, was a resident of Erie County at the time of his death, his widow being now a resident of the City of Sandusky; they had no children. By his second marriage Mr. Kraft left two sons and one daughter, all of whom are married and well established in life. Of the children of the first marriage two besides Mrs. Hart survive the honored father—Michael, who is a prosperous cigar manufacturer and dealer in the City of Cleveland and who has one son and one daughter; and Adam, who is a substantial farmer of Milan Township, who has been twice married and whose only child, a daughter, likewise is married. In the concluding paragraph is entered brief record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Hart.

Lloyd F., whose educational advantages were those of the public schools and a business college, is associated with his father in the latter's extensive farming operations. He married Miss Laura Schearer and they have two children—Alverna M. and Venesta. Earl, whose educational discipline was similar to that of his elder brother, has charge of one of his father's farms, the maiden name of his wife having been Edith Michael. Lynn Jacob, who availed himself of the advantages of the public schools and a business college, remains at the parental home and is his father's valued assistant in the work and management of the farm. Viola Leone, who was graduated in the Sandusky High School as a member of the class of 1915, remains with her parents and is a popular young woman in the social activities of the community.

Thomas J. Lundy. Erie County is essentially cosmopolitan in its civic makeup, and among the popular citizens who can claim descent from staunch old Irish stock is the representative farmer whose name introduces this review and who is a native of the county in which he has found ample scope for successful enterprise along the basic lines of industry to which he was reared. He is a scion of one of the well-known and highly esteemed pioneer families of Erie County, with whose history the name of Lundy has been worthily linked for more than half a century, and he is now the owner of one of the well improved farms of Huron Township, where he brings to bear marked energy and circumspection in the carrying forward of the various phases of farm enterprise and where he is known as a broad-minded and loyal citizen as well as a substantial man of affairs.

The birth of Mr. Lundy occurred on the 4th of October, 1864, and the place of his nativity was the old homestead of his parents, not far distant from his present place of abode. He is a son of John and Ann (Haley) Lundy, both natives of the fair Emerald Isle, where the former was born on the 22d of June, 1827, in County Mayo, the latter having been born in County Kerry, in the year 1831. In his native county in Ireland John Lundy was reared to the age of twelve years and he then accompanied his elder brother, Richard, to Manchester, England, in which city both were employed in factories until 1853, when they manifested their ambition and self-reliance by immigrating to the United States, feeling assured of better opportunities for the winning of independence and prosperity in this country. The two sturdy young sons of Erin embarked on a sailing vessel of the type common to that period, and seven weeks and three days elapsed ere they completed their weary voyage and landed in New York City. They soon made their way to Reading, Pennsylvania, and a few months later they came to Ohio and found employment at farm work, in Erie County. The life of the agriculturist made strong appeal to John Lundy and he determined to bend his energies to the goal of independent identification with agricultural pursuits, though his advancement must needs be gained solely through his own ability and efforts. He was not lacking in a full reinforcement of self-reliance and ambition, and finally initiated his individual operations as a farmer by coming to Erie County and renting the McMann Farm, on the Bogart Road, in Huron Township. On this place he remained eight years, applying himself with characteristic vigor and efficiency and carefully conserving the financial returns from his arduous labors. He then purchased a farm of fifty-five acres in the same vicinity and situated on the Lane Road, in the western part of Huron Township. He developed one of the fine farms of the county and on the same made permanent improvements of an excellent order, including the erection of a good house of eleven rooms and a substantial barn, 36x50 feet in dimensions. He proved himself one of the successful agriculturists and stockgrowers of

the county and never had cause to regret his choice of location or vocation. On this homestead John Lundy continued to reside, a well-known and distinctively popular citizen of Erie County, until the time of his death, which occurred on the 27th of January, 1915, his cherished and devoted wife having passed away in 1886 and the remains of both being laid to rest in St. Joseph's Cemetery, in the City of Sandusky. Both were devout communicants of the Catholic Church, in the faith of which they carefully reared their children. Mr. Lundy was an uncompromising advocate of the principles of the democratic party, took a loyal interest in local affairs of a public order and held various township offices. Mrs. Ann (Haley) Lundy was a young woman of seventeen years when, in 1848, she immigrated to the United States and joined her brother John and her elder sister, Mrs. Eliza McDermott, both of whom had established their home in Ohio and both of whom passed the closing years of their lives in Erie County, each having attained to advanced age. Mrs. Lundy proved a devoted and efficient helpmeet to her husband and reared her children with all of kindness and solicitude, so that by them her memory is held in lasting reverence. Of the children the eldest was John, Jr., who died, a bachelor, at the age of thirty-three years; Thomas J. of this review was the next in order of birth; Mary is the wife of Anthony Klein, they reside in the City of Huron, this county, and have several children; William, who is serving, in 1915, as sheriff of Erie County, married Miss Ann Steiner and they have one son and one daughter; Ella is the wife of Simon Purcell, of Toledo, and they have one son.

Thomas J. Lundy was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm and acquired his early education in the public and parochial schools of Erie County. He has never abated by one jot or tittle his allegiance to the fundamental industry of agriculture, and has made the same a medium for the achieving of marked success and prosperity. His farm comprises fifty-five acres of most fertile land, the place is well improved and he is indefatigable in his labors to gain the maximum returns in his cultivation of the willing soil and his raising of livestock of excellent grades. He is loyal and liberal in his civic attitude and though he takes lively interest in communal affairs and is ever ready to support progressive measures and enterprises for the general good, he has manifested no desire for public office. His political support is given unreservedly to the cause of the democratic party and he and his family are communicants of the Catholic Church.

In the township that is now his place of residence was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Lundy to Miss Mary A. Purcell, the wedding having been celebrated on the 15th of April, 1896. Mrs. Lundy was born in Oxford Township on the 1st of January, 1863, and was reared and educated in Huron Township. She is a daughter of Simon and Bridget (Higgins) Purcell, both natives of Ireland. They are still residents of Huron Township and are now venerable in years. Mr. and Mrs. Lundy have six children—John W., Simon R., Thomas J., William Leo, Edward M., and Mary A. The eldest son is attending, in 1915, a business college in the City of Sandusky, and the other children are members of the home circle, Simon R. being his father's efficient assistant in the work of the farm.

George F. Hinde. More fertile and productive land than that found in the fine farm of Mr. Hinde can scarcely be looked for in the entire limits of the old Buckeye State, and his homestead is most eligibly situated in Huron Township, is admirably improved and maintained in the best order, and indicates to even the casual observer the thrift and progressiveness of the fortunate owner. Mr. Hinde takes due pride in reverting to Erie County as the place of his nativity and he is a repre-

sentative of one of the old, well-known and highly honored families of this favored section of the state.

Mr. Hinde was born on the homestead farm of his parents in Huron Township, this county, on the 15th of July, 1863, and is a son of William Joseph Hinde and Ellen (O'Birne) Hinde, both natives of Ireland, the father having been born in County Galway, on the 11th of November, 1810, and the mother having been born in County Carlow, on the 6th of December, 1824. William Joseph Hinde was a son of Thomas and Mary (Galway) Hinde, the former of whom passed his entire life in the Emerald Isle and the latter of whom came with her children to America. William J. Hinde was one of the patriarchal citizens of Erie County at the time of his death, which occurred at his beautiful home in Huron Township on the 29th of July, 1905, only a few months prior to his ninety-fifth birthday anniversary. He was reared and educated in his native county, and after the death of his father he came with his widowed mother and other members of the family to the United States, the family company having included his brothers Patrick, James, Robert, Edward and Joseph, and his sister Amanda. He was about nineteen years of age at the time of this immigration, in 1829, and for seven years after leaving his native land he had been bound out or indentured to learn the trade of carpenter and joiner, in which he became an expert artisan. He finally came to Erie County, and here found ready demand for his services in the work of his trade. He became one of the best known ship carpenters along the Ohio shores of Lake Erie, and his work took him also to other important lake ports, including the City of Buffalo, New York. He was engaged in working at his trade at many of the important ports along the Ohio shores of the lake, though he always looked upon Erie County as his home and the center of his interests. This sturdy and valued artisan assisted in the building of many vessels and smaller craft placed in commission in the navigation service of the Great Lakes, and he gained wide reputation for his splendid skill as a mechanic, as well as for his unalloyed steadfastness and integrity of purpose in all of the relations of life. His course was guided and governed by the highest principles, he was liberal and broad-minded, and he commanded the unqualified confidence and esteem of his fellow men until the close of his significantly long and useful life. For a number of years he lived on the Huron Township farm of sixty-five acres that had come as an inheritance to his wife, and he eventually added to the area of his landed estate by the purchase of a farm of 118 acres and the later obtaining of an adjacent tract of forty acres. He was thus numbered among the representative agriculturists of the county for a long period of years, and upon his homestead he erected in 1881 a house that was considered at the time to be the most perfect in construction to be found in Erie County. He also erected excellent barns and other farm buildings on his homestead place, and his entire active career was marked by energy, enterprise and mature judgment. Though he was a communicant of the Catholic Church and zealous in its support, he was never intolerant or bigoted, but had appreciation of the good qualities of others, was willing to permit to his fellow men the same latitude in opinion which he himself claimed, and he was always ready to aid in the furtherance of those measures projected for the general good of the community. Mr. Hinde was one of the most honored, even as he was one of the most venerable, citizens of Huron Township at the time of his death, and his memory is revered by those who came within the compass of his genial and kindly influence, this also having been significantly true in the case of his devoted wife, who was a woman of most gentle and sympathetic nature and who preceded him to the life eternal, her death having occurred on the 18th of September, 1893, shortly prior to her seventieth birthday anniversary, and she likewise

having been an earnest communicant of the Catholic Church. Mr. Hinde was a democrat in national politics, but in local affairs he subordinated strict partisanship and gave his support to the men and measures meeting the approval of his judgment.

In this state was solemnized the marriage of William J. Hinde to Miss Ellen O'Birne, who, as previously stated, was born in County Carlow, Ireland, on the 6th of December, 1824. She was a daughter of James and Bridget O'Birne, and was a child of about three years at the time of the family immigration to the United States, she having been reared and educated in Ohio. Mrs. Hinde was a half-sister of Senator Henry E. O'Hagan, of Sandusky, one of the most prominent and influential citizens of this section of the state and long a power in political affairs, the senator having been prominent also in the Masonic fraternity, in which he was a representative of the thirty-third degree of the Scottish Rite. Of the children of William J. and Ellen Hinde the eldest was Thomas, who died in 1897, at the age of fifty-five years. He was a bachelor and was in the railway service for thirty-seven years, during the major part of which period he was employed as a conductor with what is now the Big Four Railroad. Maria, the second child, became the wife of Elias Everett and both are now deceased, four children surviving them. Mary, who was born on the old homestead in Huron Township, in 1851, still resides at the place of her birth, is a woman of great mental and physical alertness and is loved by all who know her, her independence in thought and action being indicated by her spinsterhood. James J. is one of the interested principals and one of the organizers of the Hinde & Dauch Paper Manufacturing Company, in the City of Sandusky, where he and his wife have their pleasant home, with both sons and daughters to complete an attractive family circle. Isabel became the wife of Darwin Boise and died soon after her marriage. George F., of this review, was the next in order of birth. William J. resides on his excellent farm of 100 acres, in Huron Township, has been twice married and has six children.

George F. Hinde was afforded the advantages of the public schools in his native county and here also attended the normal school at Milan, after which he passed five years as a successful and popular teacher in the district schools, his pedagogic labors having been rendered in Districts No. 7 and No. 4, Huron Township. It was but natural that with a deep appreciation of the dignity and attractiveness of the life of the farm, that Mr. Hinde should eventually resume his allegiance to the great basic industry under whose influences he was reared. He has thus become one of the progressive and representative agriculturists and stockgrowers of his native county, and his finely improved farm of fifty-one acres is one of remarkably fine soil constituency and splendid productiveness. Its fertility is indicated by the character and volume of products, the average annual yield of corn being sixty bushels to the acre; wheat more than thirty bushels; and potatoes of the best grade, more than 200 bushels to the acre. The soil is of fine black loam, with clay subsoil, and the farm is equipped with a most complete and effective system of drainage, mostly of the tile order.

Broad-minded and progressive as a citizen and well fortified in his opinions, Mr. Hinde takes a loyal interest in all that touches the communal welfare and advancement, his political proclivities are indicated by the support which he gives to the democratic party where national and state issues are involved, and his religious faith is that of the Catholic Church, of which he is a communicant, Mrs. Hinde holding membership in the Methodist Church.

The first wife of Mr. Hinde bore the maiden name of Bertha Kiefer, and she was born and reared in Huron, where she was a popular teacher

in the public schools for some time prior to her marriage. She was summoned to the life eternal in 1899, at the age of thirty years, and is survived by no children. In 1898 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hinde to Miss Nettie Emmons, who was born at Collins, this county, but who was reared to adult age in the State of Tennessee. The three children of this union are Frances, Thomas and George Raymond. Miss Frances, who was born in the year 1900, is at the time of this writing a student in the high school in the City of Sandusky, and Thomas is in the eighth grade of the local schools of his home township.

In addition to his successful farming operations Mr. Hinde has developed a prosperous enterprise in the buying and selling of high-grade fruit trees, and he has done much through this medium to foster the fruit industry in his home county.

Henry G. Bruns. Thirty-eight years have passed since Henry G. Bruns took his residence in Northern Ohio, and during this long period of time he has been known to the people of Erie County as an industrious, painstaking and energetic farmer, a man of progressive ideas and thoroughly alive to the needs of his community, and a citizen who has always been ready to perform his duties and responsibilities. His labors have been well directed and have given him a full measure of success, for at this time he is the owner of a handsome property, lying in Huron Township, 2½ miles from Huron.

Mr. Bruns was born in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, December 22, 1854, and is a son of Frederick Bruns and a grandson of Frederick Bruns, Sr., both of whom passed their entire lives in their native land, the grandfather passing away in the prime of life after a career passed in agricultural pursuits. Frederick Bruns, the father of Henry C. Bruns, was born in 1821, and grew up on the paternal farm, receiving an ordinary education in the public schools. He was married in Germany to Catherine Wenkleman, who was born in 1825, at the same place, and after their marriage they settled down to agricultural pursuits, both being close to threescore and ten years of age at the time of their demise. They were faithful members of the Lutheran Church, which they attended all their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Bruns were the parents of seven children, of whom but one was a daughter, Anna, who married a Mr. Bostleman, has four children and lives in the Province of Hanover. The six sons, Fred, Henry C., Heinrich, Dietrich, William and Herman, are all living and all are married, with the exception of Heinrich, whose history has been lost for the past thirty-five years.

Like the sons of most German farmers in moderate circumstances, Henry C. Bruns divided his boyhood between attendance at the public schools and assisting his parents in the work of the homestead. He was sixteen years of age when he decided that better opportunities awaited him in America, and accordingly, in 1871, emigrated to this country by way of Bremen to New York on the ship Deutchland. From the eastern metropolis, he made his way to Henry County, Ohio, and in the fall of the same year located on Kelleys Island, located twelve miles out in Lake Erie from Sandusky. He spent five years there or more, and was married during that time, in 1877, to Miss Christina Beatty, who was born in Summit County, Ohio, October 7, 1850, and who moved to Kelleys Island in 1854 with her parents, Lewis and Mary (Smouse) Beatty, who were born in Russia, of German parents. The father died on Kelleys Island at the age of seventy-two years, and the mother when seventy-five years of age. Two of their sons, Michael and Jacob, served as Union soldiers during the Civil war, one married and all are deceased, Andrew dying when about forty years of age. Beside Mrs. Bruns there are living two sons: Henry, who is married and lives on

Kelleys Island, and William, who is married, has a family, and is engaged in farming in Huron Township.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bruns: Mamie, who is the wife of Rev. Charles J. Holliger, of Toledo, now pastor of the Evangelical Church at Lorain, and has a son, Herbert H.; and Lewis Frederick, thirty-two years of age, reared in Huron Township and educated in the public schools of this locality and the Sandusky Business College, now engaged in farming with his father, married Sophia Wagner, and now has one son, Robert H., aged four years.

The year 1877 saw Mr. Bruns' arrival in Huron Township, where his father-in-law had purchased a tract of land lying between the lake and Market Road, No. 13 North. He has added from time to time to his property, and at the present time is cultivating 235 acres, on which he grows everything known to this climate, including all kinds of large and small fruit. He has developed an excellent farm, with substantial buildings and modern improvements of every kind, and his progressive methods and up-to-date ideas have been combined with his industrious labor in winning him success. Mr. Bruns and his family are members of the Evangelical Association, in which he has been a trustee for a long period and superintendent of the Sunday school for thirty-five years. He and his sons are republicans in their political views. Mr. Bruns' standing in business circles is that of a citizen of integrity and probity, and his wide circle of friends testifies to his general popularity.

August C. Klein. No nation has given to the United States a more valuable element of citizenship than has the great German Empire, and no class has evinced more loyalty to American ideas and institutions, even under the present horrific conditions of warfare in Europe, when the sons of the Fatherland can not but feel sympathy for their native land. He to whom this brief sketch is dedicated is known and honored as one of the sterling German citizens and representative agriculturists of Erie County, and though he claims Germany as the land of his nativity he has been a resident of Ohio from childhood and is primarily and emphatically an American in spirit and ideals.

Mr. Klein was born in the Province of Westphalia, Rhenish Prussia, and the date of his nativity was October 4, 1864. He is a son of John and Catherine Klein, both of whom were born and reared in that same province of Prussia, where the respective families have been established for many generations. In their Fatherland the parents continued to reside until there had been born to them the following named children: John, Alice, Catherine, Matilda, August C., Anton and Charles. In 1868, when the subject of this review was a child of three years, the family immigrated to the United States, the weary and tempestuous voyage having been made on a sailing vessel and sixty days having elapsed ere the family disembarked in the port of New York City, in March of the year mentioned. From the national metropolis the journey was continued westward by rail to Sandusky, Ohio, and the father rented a tract of land in Huron Township, this county, where he was engaged in farming for the first two years of his residence in the land of his adoption. He then purchased a farm of forty acres in Ottawa County, where he continued his industrious application and made good provision for his family. At the expiration of six years John Klein disposed of his property in Ottawa County and returned to Erie County, where he purchased a farm of ninety-seven acres in Huron Township, the major part of this land being now within the corporate limits of the thriving little City of Huron. On this homestead Mr. Klein continued to reside until the close of his long and useful life, and under his effective management it was developed into one of the well improved and specially

productive farms of Erie County. He died in February, 1903, shortly before his eighty-second birthday anniversary, and his cherished and devoted wife was summoned to eternal rest in June, 1907, at the age of eighty-two years. They were folk of sterling and unassuming worth and their names and memories are held in lasting honor in the community that long represented their home and in which they lived and wrought to goodly ends. Both were earnest communicants of the Catholic Church, and in politics Mr. Klein gave his support to the cause of the democratic party. Of their children all were born in Germany except the youngest, and concerning them the following brief record is given: John is now a resident of the City of Toledo and he has four children; Alice, who is now a resident of Kokomo, Indiana, is the widow of John Krebser, and she has four sons and two daughters; Catherine is the wife of John B. Sarter and they reside in the State of California, their children being three daughters; Matilda is the wife of Peter Hermes, residing in the City of Huron, Erie County, and they have one daughter; August C. of this sketch was the next in order of birth; Anton, who likewise is one of the prosperous farmers of Huron Township, has two sons and three daughters; Charles resides at Huron and his children are three sons; Christina was born in Ohio and is the only one of the children who can claim the United States as the place of nativity, she being the wife of Frank Lonz, a prosperous farmer of Huron Township, and they having three sons and three daughters.

August C. Klein was reared to the sturdy and benignant discipline of the farm, his rudimentary education was obtained in the district schools of Ottawa County and later he continued his studies in the public schools of Erie County, where he was reared to adult age on the home farm of his parents. He continued to be associated with his father in the work and management of the farm until the time of his marriage, and after this important event in his life he finally purchased forty acres of the old homestead place, this action having been taken in July, 1903. On his admirably productive and well kept farm, which gives every evidence of thrift and prosperity, he has a pleasant residence of seven rooms, and the other farm buildings prove adequate for the uses to which they are applied. The farm is well drained and the owner brings to bear the most approved and modern methods in carrying forward his operations as a progressive agriculturist and stockgrower. Though he has never been animated by any desire to enter the turbulent stream of so called practical politics, Mr. Klein has shown a proper sense of civic duty and responsibility, has given support to measures and enterprises advanced for the general good of the community and exercises his franchise in a generic way as an advocate of the cause of the democratic party. He and his family are earnest communicants of the Catholic Church and he is known as one of the substantial farmers and loyal and upright citizens of Erie County.

In Perkins Township, this county, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Klein to Miss Christine Hermes, who was reared and educated in that township, where her birth occurred on the 29th of April, 1874. She is a daughter of Philip and Caroline (Ansel) Hermes, who were born in Germany and concerning whom more specific mention is made on other pages of this publication, in the sketch of the career of their son, Peter. Both parents of Mrs. Klein died on their home farm in Perkins Township shortly before attaining to the age of fifty years, Mr. Hermes having been a communicant of the Catholic Church and his wife having held the faith of the Lutheran Church. In the final paragraph of this article is given brief record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Klein:

Philip Anton, who was born March 6, 1898, was afforded the ad-

vantages of the public schools in the City of Huron and is now associated with his father in the management of the home farm; Leo Arthur, who was born June 19, 1900, is a member of the freshman class, that of 1918, in the Huron High School; William August, who was born June 25, 1905, is in the fifth grade of the public schools at the time of this writing, in 1915; and Paul Franklin, who is a personage of dignity and importance in the home circle, was born April 11, 1910.

ADAM H. HAHN. The stable occupation of farming has enlisted the early as well as later interest of Adam H. Hahn, whose entire life, since his third year, has been passed in Erie County. He has secured excellent financial results and has evidenced a broad knowledge of agricultural science, for many years of practical experience contribute to his agricultural equipment, and his entire life has been passed in the free and independent atmosphere of the country.

Mr. Hahn was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, near the capital, January 31, 1870, and is a son of Conrad and Elizabeth (Orth) Hahn, natives of Hesse Castle, Germany, where the former was born in 1828 and the latter in 1835. They were born of parents who passed their entire lives in Germany, and they themselves are still living and make their home with their son, Adam H. In 1872, Henry and John Hahn, brothers of Adam H. Hahn, emigrated to the United States and took up their residence in Ohio, where both are now married and have families, Henry being a farmer near the Village of Huron, while John lives on a farm in Huron County. The other children, all born in Germany, are as follows: William, who is a successful farmer on the Bogart Road, in Huron Township, is married and has two sons and a daughter; Theodore, who is a farmer of Milan Township, is married and has a daughter; Anna, who is the wife of J. Nicholas Shennen, a fisherman of Vermillion, and has two daughters; and Adam H., of this review.

In May, 1873, the parents of Mr. Hahn, with their four children, took passage on a sailing vessel, the Deutchland, from Bremen, and after a voyage of fourteen days landed at New York. They made their way to Erie County, Ohio, and settled in Huron Township, in July, 1873, this community having since been the family home. After many years passed in hard and industrious toil, the parents succeeded in developing a good property, with the assistance of their children, and are now living in comfortable retirement. In their native land they early joined the Reformed Church, and in this country have continued to be faithful adherents of that faith.

Adam H. Hahn was three years of age when brought to the United States, and his education was secured in the public schools of Huron Township, supplemented by a course in the Sandusky Business College. He was brought up to agricultural pursuits, and has been content to make farming his life work, having entered upon his own career at the time he attained his majority. He accumulated 112 acres of land, which he owned until 1914, when he disposed of half of his property and now retains fifty-six acres, located on the Bogart Road, two miles from Huron on Rural Free Delivery Route No. 1. Mr. Hahn has a finely developed property, on which he grows all the staple products of this section, including corn, wheat, oats and potatoes, as well as plenty of all kinds of fruit. His buildings are of a substantial character, and include a fine ten-room house, erected in 1913, and other modern and handsome structures. During the forty-two years in which he has been a resident of Huron Township, Mr. Hahn has impressed himself upon his fellow-citizens as a man of reliability and substance, who takes a keen interest in his community and its institutions and whose support is freely given to all worthy movements. He is a republican in politics, although not

a politician, and he and Mrs. Hahn are attendants of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Hahn was married at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1899, to Miss Helena ("Lena") Dippel, who was born January 24, 1874, at Cleveland, where she was reared and educated and made her home until her marriage. She is a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Weise) Dippel, the former born at Hesse Castle, and the latter at Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1844 and 1842, respectively. Mr. Dippel came to the United States in January, 1867, and on the 20th of that month located at Cleveland, where he married in 1869 Miss Weise, who had arrived in that city in September, 1865. For a time Mr. Dippel worked at the Grazella Acid Works, then for ten or twelve years was superintendent of the Doan Oil Company, and April 1, 1878, purchased a coal yard in Cleveland. Shortly afterward he purchased two farms in Cuyahoga County, not far from the City of Cleveland, which he operated until the time of his death, December 3, 1912, Mrs. Dippel passing away about four months later, April 20, 1913. When he arrived in Cleveland, Mr. Dippel was possessed of no means, and was forced to borrow 25 cents with which to purchase his first meal. This he paid back the following day, and having secured employment rapidly worked his way to an independent position, being the possessor of a handsome competence at the time of his demise. Mr. and Mrs. Dippel were organizers and charter members of the Reformed Church at Cleveland, and Mr. Dippel early became an elder and trustee thereof, offices which he held up to the time of his death. Mrs. Hahn was the fourth in order of birth of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, all born in Cleveland, of whom ten grew to maturity and married, and five have children. Mr. and Mrs. Hahn have had no issue.

John W. Starr. To the strong and resourceful man at the present day the great fundamental industries of agriculture and stock growing offer greater opportunities for successful enterprise than at any previous stage in the world's history, and Erie County has its quota of able and progressive farmers whose definite prosperity and civic progressiveness make them one of the most influential and valued elements of citizenship. A prominent and highly esteemed representative of these important lines of industry in the county is Mr. Starr, who is the owner of two specially well improved and fruitful farms in Huron Township, his homestead place comprising 113½ acres and the second farm having an area of seventy acres, both being eligibly situated on the Bloomville Road and on Rural Mail Route No. 3 from the thriving little City of Huron. The soil of Mr. Starr's land is a fine loam with clay subsoil—a combination that insures permanent and unrivaled fertility and productiveness when scientific methods are brought to bear in its cultivation. It is patent to even the casual observer that such methods are followed by the owner of this property, and the evident thrift and prosperity indicate his energy, circumspection and good management; he operates his farm according to business principles, and thus receives from the same the maximum returns. Mr. Starr is in no sense a theorist, but brings to bear mature judgment, devises ways and means in an independent way, profits from experience and is indefatigable in his application, with due appreciation of the dignity and value of the vocation to which he has devoted his entire active career. Mr. Starr devotes annually forty acres of his land to the propagation of sweet corn of the finest grades, and his special success in this line is indicated by the fact that under normal conditions he receives a yield of sweet corn each year that nets him an average of $55 to the acre. Wheat gives an average of somewhat more than thirty bushels to the acre, and field corn also gives splendid returns, about twenty-five acres being cus-

J. W. Starr Mrs Mary M. Starr

tomarily devoted to its propagation. The permanent improvements upon this fine landed estate are of excellent order, the residence on the homestead place being a commodious and attractive modern house of nine rooms, and among other farm buildings being a substantial and well-equipped barn 36 by 56 feet in dimensions. The fine residence of Mr. Starr was erected within recent years and is one of the most modern rural homes in Huron Township. On his smaller farm Mr. Starr has recently erected a fine frame house, which the son now occupies. In addition to diversified agriculture, he gives much attention to the raising of high-grade live stock, especially the Holstein type of cattle, and the raising of sheep for mutton product.

Mr. Starr has resided upon his present homestead farm for the past forty years, and is a scion of one of the honored pioneer families of Erie County, which has represented his home from the time of his nativity. He was born on his father's pioneer farm, not far removed from his present home, and the date of his nativity was January 24, 1852. He has always been a resident of Huron Township and his sterling qualities have given him inviolable place in the confidence and esteem of the community, so that in his case there can be no application of the scriptural aphorism that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country." Mr. Starr was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm and duly availed himself of the advantages of the local schools, so that in his youth he waxed strong in mental and physical powers, neither of which have been permitted to wane, it being specially worthy of note that he is a man of much athletic vigor at the present time and frequently attests his continued strength and agility by turning handsprings, a performance which he gives with the vigor of a youth.

The English progenitors of the Starr family came to this country long prior to the war of the Revolution, and the original settlement was made in the Massachusetts Colony. Representatives of the name were later numbered among the pioneer settlers of the State of New York, and the family has in later generations sent forth emissaries into various other states of the Union. The name has ever stood exponent of strong and worthy manhood and gentle and gracious womanhood, as one generation has followed another on to the stage of life's activities, and though this article does not permit or demand a detailed record concerning the history of this staunch colonial family, it is pleasing to state that a comprehensive and carefully compiled genealogy of the Starr family in America has been compiled and published by Dr. Comfort Starr, of Boston, Massachusetts, he having been born in the year 1835.

John W. Starr is a great-grandson of Josiah Starr, son of John, and this ancestor was born in the State of New York, where he was reared to manhood. He became one of the pioneers of Portage County, Ohio, where he passed the remainder of his life, he having been a tailor by trade and vocation. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their son John, grandfather of the subject of this review, was born in the old Empire State, in 1774, and about the opening of the nineteenth century he removed to Saratoga County, that state, where he remained until 1828. In that year he came with his family to Ohio and established his home in Portage County, whence he came to Erie County in 1831, becoming one of the pioneer settlers in the forest wilds of the present Huron Township, where his death occurred, with suddenness and slight premonition, in the year 1833. In his youth he had learned the hatter's trade, but the major part of his active career was given to agricultural pursuits. Josiah Starr married Miss Sarah Chandler, a daughter of James and Charity (Andrews) Chandler. She was born in the State of New York, in March, 1782, and passed the clos-

ing years of her life in Erie County, Ohio, where she died in August, 1862. Of the children of this honored pioneer couple, John Milton, father of him whose name introduces this review, was the second of four sons, there having been also two daughters, the younger of whom, Harriet, died in infancy. The four sons and the other daughter attained to maturity and all married and reared children. All are now deceased, their names having been as follows: Josiah Warner, John Milton, Joseph, Samuel and Mary.

John Milton Starr was born at Malta, Saratoga County, New York, on the 30th of September, 1813, and in his native place he acquired his rudimentary education. He was a lad of fifteen years at the time of the family removal to Ohio, in 1828, and was a sturdy youth of eighteen when he came with his parents to Erie County. His father had secured a large tract of land in Huron Township, and on this pioneer farmstead he continued to be associated with his brothers in the reclamation, improving and cultivation of land until he had attained to his legal majority.

On the 30th of March, 1850, was solemnized the marriage of John M. Starr to Miss Deborah Maria Wilkinson, who was born at Potter, Yates County, New York, on the 30th of July, 1828, and who was a daughter of Benoni and Polly Dolph (Hardy) Wilkinson, who became pioneer settlers of Erie County, Ohio, where they died when well advanced in years. After his marriage Mr. Starr established their home on the extensive and attractive farm in Huron Township, and a portion of their old homestead is now owned by their son, John W., of this review. Their original domicile was a log house of the type common to the pioneer days, but with the passing years ever increasing prosperity attended them and the closing period of their lives was passed in a substantial and commodious house which Mr. Starr had erected as a homestead many years previously, he having in the meanwhile become one of the leading agriculturists, substantial business men and influential and progressive citizens of the county in which he lived from his youth until he was called to the life eternal, his death having occurred in 1901, at the patriarchal age of eighty-eight years, and his cherished and devoted wife having passed away in June, 1893, at the age of sixty-five years. Theirs were lives of unassuming worth, they were industrious and far-sighted folk of strong mentality and of utmost kindliness, and they were sustained and comforted by deep Christian faith, their earnest convictions having caused them to incline largely to the Spiritualistic tenets. Mr. Starr was a man of mature judgment, took a lively interest in public affairs and kept in touch with the questions and events of the day even in his venerable years, his political allegiance having been given without reservation to the democratic party.

Concerning the children of John M. and Deborah M. (Wilkinson) Starr, the following brief record is entered: John Wilkinson Starr, the immediate subject of this sketch, is the eldest of the number. Arthur E. Starr, who married Mary Gunsaulus, is a resident of Brook, Newton County, Indiana, and has three children, Vine, Edith and Edward E. Mary D. Starr first wedded Charles A. Stine, who was survived by one son, Walter. She later married Charles W. Hart, who likewise is deceased, and who is survived by three children—Arthur, Rollin (deceased) and Halton. Edward Joseph Starr died in childhood. Ella Starr was twice wedded, her first husband, Lewis Link, being survived by one son, Starr Link, and no children having been born of the second union, to Elmer Highland, Mrs. Highland being now deceased.

John Wilkinson Starr has well upheld the high prestige of the family name both as a successful agriculturist and as a progressive, loyal and public-spirited citizen. His active career has been one of constant

advancement and increasing prosperity, and he is one of the representative farmers and highly esteemed citizens of his native county, where his circle of friends is virtually coincident with that of his acquaintances. In politics he maintains an independent attitude and gives his support to the men and measures meeting his approval, without regard to partisan lines. He and his family hold to the Spiritualistic faith and are active and zealous in the support of its organized bodies.

On January 18, 1875, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Starr to Miss Mary Margaret Hart, who was born in Huron Township, on the 5th of January, 1855, and whose parents, William J. and Louisa (Shane) Hart, who were young folk at the time of their emigration from their German Fatherland to America and the marriage of whom was solemnized in Erie County. Mr. Hart here engaged in the reclamation and improvement of a pioneer farm of seventy-five acres, in Perkins Township, and he eventually became the owner of a fine landed estate of 300 acres. His first wife died at the age of forty-four years, and though she was a comparatively young woman at the time of her demise, she had become the mother of fourteen children who attained to years of maturity, and who married and reared children, nine of the number being still alive. By his second marriage, to Mary St. John, Mr. Hart had no children, and he was seventy-five years of age at the time of his death. The concluding paragraph of this article is devoted to a brief record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Starr.

Edith passed to eternal rest at the age of twenty years, a gracious and popular young woman who had been a successful teacher in the schools of her native county. Edna L. was six months of age at the time of her death. Pearl Inez married Louis W. Scheid, a farmer of Huron Township, and they have five children, Cornelius G., Marion H., Inez L., John Paul and Peter L. (who died in infancy). John Clayton died in early childhood. Mary Gola married first Henry Lieb, and they had one child, Donald Starr. She married for her second husband Irvin Dussell, a marine engineer on the Great Lakes, and a native of Erie County. Rollin John, who is associated with his father in the operation and management of the latter's farms, married Miss Effie H. Slocum, who likewise was born and reared in this county, and they have one daughter, Edith, the family home being an attractive modern residence on the smaller farm of the subject of this sketch. Erna Leone became the wife of Henry Sherrard, was but twenty years of age at the time of her death and is survived by one child, Marjorie, who remains with her father at their home in Newark, Licking County.

Henry J. Isaac. A lake shore farm in Huron Township which stands almost in a class by itself and is easily one of the most attractive along the Sandusky highway is the fruit and dairy place owned and operated by Henry J. Isaac, situated on Rural Route No. 1 out of Huron. Mr. Isaac and his wife are English people by birth and are people whose worth as home makers and citizens entitles them to the recognition and esteem they have long enjoyed in Erie County. Their farm property represents a modest fortune and yet about twenty years ago both were young people without special means and have made their prosperity largely through their own efforts and enterprise.

The Isaac farm comprises seventy-five acres, and all its improvements are of the highest class, comprising residence and outbuildings with the farm land well utilized and arranged. Mr. Isaac is now giving his attention primarily to converting this farm into a fruit and dairy farm and in the meantime is carrying on business as a general agriculturist. He bought the place in 1912. For seven years he owned and occupied a fifty-three acre farm in the same township, and sold that and bought

140 acres in Florence Township, known as the Judge Sprague farm, which he cultivated for six years before coming to his present location in Huron Township. Among the many features of this farm is its accessibility to transportation. It is on the electric interurban line and is also situated on the main traveled Market Road, No. 13, thoroughfare from Cleveland to Toledo. The farm is watered by Sawmill Creek, and a great amount of tiling has been placed. Mr. Isaac now has 2,000 apple and peach trees, and is planning an orchard that will eventually cover thirty acres.

Henry J. Isaac was born in Gloucestershire, England, May 29, 1850. Reared and educated in his native country he came to the United States in 1873 and located in Sandusky. He came with his parents, Henry and Susan (Aust) Isaac, who spent their last years in Erie County on a farm in Perkins Township. Henry Isaac died in 1903 when past seventy years of age and his widow at the age of seventy about three years after her husband. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics he was a republican. There were six children. Marian, now deceased, married George W. Shaddock; the second in age is Henry J.; Charles H. died when a young man from mountain fever while in the Far West; Amy Frances married Henry Brymyer of Wakeman, Huron County, and they have two daughters, Susie and Grace; Sarah is the wife of William Hertlein, living on a farm in this section of Ohio, and their children are Emily, George, John, Hilda and Mary; Elizabeth is the wife of James Aust of Sandusky, and their children are named Henry, Herbert and Clifford, twins, Frances and Florence. It was in the City of Sandusky that Henry J. Isaac married Alice Broadley, who is also of English birth and training. She was born in Lincolnshire November 28, 1869, and grew up and received her education in her native land. Her parents were William and Alice (Plumtree) Broadley, both natives of Lincolnshire, where her mother died March 23, 1913, at the age of sixty-five and where her father is still living at the age of seventy-five. For forty-five years William Broadley was overseer of a large estate in England. The Broadleys were members of the Church of England. Mrs. Isaac was the oldest of seven children, and all the others still live in England, their names being James, John, George, Annie, Lizzie and Emma. Mrs. Isaac came to the United States at the age of twenty-four in May, 1894, and after a few years of residence in Erie County married, and has since devoted all her time and energies to the duties of her home and co-operation with her husband in the improvement of their property. Their children are: Henry J., Jr., now fifteen years of age and a student in the Sandusky High School; Clarence George, aged thirteen, and also in high school; and Charles William, aged five years. Mr. Isaac is a republican, and while he and his wife are not members of any church, they are good Christian people, and their children are regular attendants at Sunday School.

William Bruns. Two miles west of the Village of Huron is situated Rye Beach Park. To the thousands who visit and live along the Lake Erie shore between Cleveland and Sandusky this is one of the best known resorts of the summer season. Its attractive features have been carefully developed and improved by William Bruns, who is the owner of the land comprised in the park and also of the farm homestead of which Rye Beach was originally a part. Rye Beach Park is primarily a home resort, and many of the cottages and lots there are owned and occupied by individual families and a large part of the annual volume of visitors go there not for a day but for the recreation and enjoyment found in weeks or months of stay. The park is located on the well elevated shore on the south side of Lake Erie with a gentle slope down to the water's edge, and

a great variety of native forest trees cover almost the entire site except the sandy beach itself. The beach is accessible to the cities and villages along the lake shore by means of the Lake Shore Electric Railway, whose cars pass every hour, and there is also a turnpike road to the lake shore. Mr. Bruns, the popular proprietor of this establishment, invested a large amount of capital in improving the grounds, in the erection of a commodious amusement and dancing pavilion, in providing docks and boat houses, bath houses, bowling alleys, and in furnishing all the facilities for amusement and wholesome recreation usually found in summer resorts of the highest class. He recently acquired thirty-six acres adjoining this original farm, and this has been subdivided into lots, thus doubling the water frontage and increasing the facilities supplied by Rye Beach Park.

While this park has been the favorite center for picnic parties along the lake shore for many years, it was due to the enterprise and foresight of Mr. Bruns that its possibilities have been fully realized and brought within reach of the thousands who now seek that favorite spot during the heated terms of summer. Mr. Bruns is a thorough business man, has made a success by hard work and capable management of his affairs, and is one of the highly esteemed citizens of Erie County.

He was born at Niendorf, in the Kingdom of Hanover, Germany, November 9, 1861, and was of a high class of German people. His parents were Frederick and Catherine (Winkelman) Bruns, both natives of Hanover. His father was born in 1827 and his mother in 1829. His father began life as a farmer, and was also prominent in local official positions in his native country, and became well-to-do before his death in 1892. His wife had died about two or three years previously. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Bruns was one of six sons and three daughters. The daughter, Anna, is the wife of Henry Busselman and they now occupy the old homestead back in Germany. Those who came to the United States besides William were: Frederick, who is a banker at Stryker, Ohio, and has a daughter and a married son; Heinrich is a farmer in Huron Township of Erie County and has a son and daughter, both married; Hank went out West and since then his whereabouts have been unknown; Dietrich is a farmer in Berlin Township and has a son and daughter; Herman lives at the Village of Huron, and has two married daughters and a son.

In his native Kingdom of Hanover William Bruns spent the years of his youth and childhood, attended the public schools until fourteen and then worked at common labor for several years. At the age of seventeen he ventured upon his own resources to the New World, and landed from the ship Aller at New York in May, 1878. His first destination was Napoleon in Henry County, Ohio, but a few weeks later he arrived in Erie County, and for about a dozen years was employed in various occupations. At the end of that time he returned home to attend his father in his last illness, and after the funeral came again to this country. In Erie County he bought fifty acres of land in Huron Township along the lake shore, about two miles west of the Village of Huron. This was the nucleus of his present homestead, and included the old site long known as Rye Beach. The subsequent addition of thirty-six acres brings his land holdings up to ninety-two acres, with the exception of that portion included in Rye Beach Park which he has subdivided and sold in lots. Forty-five cottages have been erected in the park, and Mr. Bruns owns a number of them which he rents to summer sojourners.

His own home is a modern ten-room residence, with basement, and supplied with hot and cold water, with a broad veranda on two sides, and with every facility for enjoyment and comfort.

Mr. Bruns was married in Huron Township to Rosa Dingler. She was born at Stuttgart in Wuertemberg, Germany, April 17, 1873, a daughter of Michael and Rosa (Meyer) Dingler, her father a native of Bavaria and her mother of Wuertemberg. The father was employed in a factory at Stuttgart and died there in 1893 at the age of fifty-six. The mother lived until 1912 and was seventy years of age at the time of her death. Both were members of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Bruns was the first of her family to come to the United States, and arrived in Erie County in May, 1892. She has since been joined by two sisters, both of whom are now married. Paulina Zimmerman lives at Huron and has three sons, and Freda is the wife of Albert Carns, and they have two sons.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. William Bruns were born three children: Alvin W., now twenty-one and living at home, was educated in the Huron High School and the Sandusky Business College; Harry Hugo, aged nineteen, graduated from the Sandusky High School in 1915, and is now planning for a professional career, probably in medicine; Olga Hulda, aged seventeen, is a member of the class of 1917 in the Sandusky High School.

Mr. Bruns has not only accomplished a great deal through his efforts as a farmer and in the development of Rye Beach Park, but has for a number of years been an important factor in the public life of his community. He is a member of the school board, and for six months filled an unexpired term as postmaster at Huron. As a republican he has served as a member of the County Central Committee. He and his wife have done much to promote the welfare and influence of the local Lutheran Church, he has served as one of its trustees a number of years, has been superintendent of its Sunday School for about six years, and has given liberally to the building of the new church edifice and to the maintenance of the various charities and organizations.

Antone J. Gustavus. In Erie County can be found a number of the veteran mariners, but probably none with such a record of experience on both the salt and fresh seas as Antone J. Gustavus. About thirty years ago he retired from the quarterdeck of a lake vessel, on which he had been serving as first mate, and became a landsman. He set up as a Lake Erie fisherman, acquired an equipment of nets and other facilities and in order to refrigerate his products he built an ice and fish house in 1884 on Berlin Street on the east side of Huron Village. In the course of the same year a fire destroyed all his fishing equipment and the ice house, and caused him a loss of $5,000. After that serious reverse, he began supplying the domestic wants of the village in ice, and for the past thirty years has been chief ice dealer and distributor in Huron. His ice house formerly had a capacity of 1,000 tons, but in 1907 he moved to the central part of the town, bought a house and lot and put up a plant of 2,000 tons capacity. He now does an exclusive ice business for the local trade.

Mr. Gustavus was born in Sweden, December 26, 1842, and represents an old Swedish family. His parents were August and Anna M. (Johnson) Gustaveson, and after Mr. Gustavus had gone to sea he left off the "son" part of his name and has since spelled it in the form above given. His parents spent all their lives on a Swedish farm, the father dying at the age of seventy and the mother at sixty-seven, and both were devout members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Gustavus was the only son, and his two sisters spent their lives in Sweden. His early youth was spent in the vicinity of Helsenborge, and while growing up he attended common schools. His earliest thoughts were of the sea and at the age of fifteen he could no longer resist the calling to the vocation which is the

business of so many Swedish people, and found employment on a Swedish vessel. He rose from galley boy to a regular sailor before the mast, and before he left the sea he had experienced all the romantic, trying and eventful experiences of the sailor. After sailing from Swedish to Norway ports for about two years, he shipped on an English sailing vessel, and made one or two voyages to Russia. He was lying ill of the cholera at Kronstadt at the time the old grand duke, later the czar, brought his bride from Copenhagen, Denmark, to her new home in the present Petrograd. While sailing with Holland boats he went to nearly all the seas of the globe, and called at many of the well known ports of the civilized world. While consorting with English sailors he learned their language, and made the ports of Cardiff and Swansea, Wales. From that port he shipped on board the Florence Lee, which sailed from the port of Glasgow, and made a voyage to a port only a few degrees south of the equator. There the boat took ballast to Trinidad, West Indies, and took on a cargo of molasses and sugar for Amsterdam, Holland. From Amsterdam he shipped in a Holland bark to Wales, and then loaded Cardiff coal for Batavia in the East Indies. This ship returned with a cargo of coffee, sugar and other East India products, and made the voyage around the Cape of Good Hope to Rotterdam. Then followed a voyage in the Holland bark Macassa to Singapore, a trip of a hundred days. From Singapore the ship proceeded to Rangoon, and there loaded with rice for Rotterdam. On this voyage they were 165 days without landing, and the crew all suffered from scurvy, and were nearly famished for food and water. This was among all his voyages the most trying experience Mr. Gustavus had as a sailor. He subsequently made five other trips to India, at one time on the ship Ritcstraw and then on the Noah I, Noah II and Noah III. These were all clipper ships, carrying first class passengers and general merchandise and returning with sugar, coffee and other products from Java. His frequent visits to the Malay countries gave him a familiarity with the Malasian language.

For sixteen years Mr. Gustavus sailed on the high seas, generally as a man before the mast and as sail maker. He had many narrow escapes, but was never in an important wreck. At one time his vessel was detained in port for twenty-one days on account of one of the typhoons which are the scourge of sailors in the Indian Ocean. When he returned on the Noah III to Holland in 1870, Mr. Gustavus decided to come to the United States on a Nova Scotia bark, and subsequently landed in Philadelphia with a friend, John Peterson, a shipmate. They reached Philadelphia during the winter and subsequently took passage on a sailing schooner to the West Indies and spent some time at Cienfuegos, Cuba. Three months later they returned to Philadelphia, where Mr. Gustavus decided to come north to the Great Lakes. He drew straws with his friend to decide whether he should go with a party to the lakes or go around the Horn, and the decision was in favor of the visit to the Great Lakes. Thus was decided a point which has really proved the most vital decision of his life. Mr. Gustavus with three companions arrived in Chicago in the spring of 1872, only a few months after the great Chicago fire. He shipped on a lake vessel from Chicago to Huron, Ohio, with Capt. J. D. Peterson, and continued in the service of that master seven seasons. He was second mate three years, and the last season spent on the Great Lakes was as first mate.

On leaving the lake as a sailor Mr. Gustavus engaged in the fishing business at Huron, with pound and gill nets. For five years that was his regular occupation, and as already stated, he built his first ice house in order to refrigerate his fish. Then came the fire, and that proved

again a critical factor in his business career, diverting him into the ice business, which he has successfully followed for many years.

At Huron in September, 1884, Mr. Gustavus married Miss Christina Elenz. She was born in Huron in 1865, and has always lived in this one community. Her parents, John L. and Catherine (Leaf) Elenz were early settlers in Huron and vicinity. Her father died here March 9, 1893, and her mother on September 6, 1895. They were farmers, and members of the Evangelical Church. Mr. and Mrs. Gustavus are the parents of three children. Tony M., born July 31, 1885, is a high school graduate, and is now associated with his father in managing the ice business; Anna C., born November 25, 1887, was educated in the Huron public schools, and is the wife of C. W. Martin, a railway man with headquarters and residence at Toledo, and they have a daughter, Gene Rosalind, born March 22, 1914; Eda Christina, born July 4, 1892, was well educated in the local high school and also took a commercial course in the Sanders College in Sandusky, Ohio. Mr. Gustavus is a member of the Lutheran faith, while his wife is Evangelical, and the children have each taken an individual choice in the matter of religious affiliation.

Mr. Gustavus is one of the most helpful citizens the Village of Huron has had in the past thirty years. For fourteen years he was a member of the board of education and part of the time secretary of the board. He was a member of the board of public affairs at the time the new waterworks were built, holding the office of president at that time, and is still a member of the board. Mr. Gustavus is one of the leading members of the Knights of Pythias order in Ohio, is a past chancellor and district deputy grand chancellor, and for several years was county deputy grand chancellor. He was a regular attendant at grand lodge for fifteen years, and his son is a member of the Sandusky lodge of that order. To those who delight in stories of the sea and adventure there is no more interesting character in Erie County than Mr. Gustavus. In addition to his fund of reminiscences concerning the years spent on the high seas, he possesses many interesting relics of his earlier career. He still has his Swedish chest that traveled with him for many thousand miles on different vessels, and he also has an old time Swedish pipe, a collection of souvenir coins from many nations, including some that are very old, and all these he naturally prizes for their associations with that chapter of his career which was closed when he settled down to the quiet routine of business in Huron more than thirty years ago.

Edward Mantey. For a number of years the State of Ohio has enjoyed a well deserved reputation for the culture of the vine, the dark blue-black grapes from this region commanding a ready market in most of the great centers of population. These are admirably adapted to the production of a light, wholesome wine, which, used in anything like reasonable moderation, is non-intoxicating but acts merely as a gentle stimulant. The use of such mild beverages in place of the strong and often poisonous liquors generally classed as spirits has been recommended by many eminent men, and, if adopted, would do much to advance the cause of true temperance, as it is well known that at least nine-tenths of the drunkenness prevalent comes from the use of spirits, drinkers of beer and light wines seldom going to injurious extremes. That the manufacture of such mild stimulants may be carried on in an honorable manner by an honorable man is proved by the example of Edward Mantey, one of the leading citizens of Margaretta Township, which he is now serving as a member of the board of education. Mr. Mantey was born near Warsaw, Russia, January 2, 1853, a son of August and Doretha (Pulaski) Mantey. Both his parents were natives of Rus-

sia, the mother being a member of the same family from which sprang the famous patriot Pulaski.

Edward Mantey was a babe in his second year when he was brought to America by his parents, they locating first at Green Springs, Ohio, where they remained several years. Later they removed to Kelley's Island, Erie County, residing there for a short time during the Civil war period. From there, about 1863, they came to Margaretta Township, of which locality they continued residents until their death. Young Mantey was about ten years old when his parents came to this township. He attended its public schools and later was a pupil in the high school at Sandusky for three years. The next three years of his life were spent as a teacher in Margaretta Township, during which time he showed capacity and established a good record as an educator. In 1885 he engaged in the vineyard and wine manufacturing industry, in which he has continued up to the present time, having achieved a gratifying success. He turns out a clean and wholesome product and is so well known in the trade that he has served as president of the National Winegrowers' Association. That he is a man of ability and integrity is shown by the fact that he has been a justice of the peace in Margaretta Township for the last nine years, while he is now serving his second term as a member of the board of education. For one year also he was president of the school board, his service in this capacity being conscientious and whole-hearted, as the cause of education is one in which he has always taken a deep interest.

Mr. Mantey married Rosalie Schoenhardt, a native of Tiffin, Ohio, and daughter of Anthony Schoenhardt, formerly a resident of Sandusky, Ohio, but now deceased. He and his wife are the parents of five children, namely: Dora, the wife of Frank Ringholtz, of Sandusky, Ohio; Josephine, who married Frank Dick and resides with her husband in Margaretta Township; Aloysius F. married Loretta Messenburg, of Margaretta Township; Esther M. and Sylvester. Mr. Mantey and his family are religiously affiliated with the Catholic Church. In all movements and measures pertaining to the general good he is deeply interested and his co-operation is active and earnest.

Frank P. Balduff. Of the younger men who are now bearing the chief responsibilities of agricultural industry in Erie County should be mentioned Frank P. Balduff, who as a farmer and stock raiser located in the northeast corner of Oxford Township in 1907, and now has the practical management of the Balduff-Scheid farm. This place in its cultivation and productiveness is more than representative of the average farms of Erie County and Mr. Balduff has proved himself an expert in getting the most out of a given acreage. He has the superintendence of 160 acres, part of which lies in Milan Township, and finds his profit in the staple crops of this climate and in the raising of good stock.

Nearly all of his life has been spent in Erie County and he was born at Sandusky, May 7, 1873, a son of Jacob and Rose (Rader) Balduff, both of whom are natives of Germany. His father, who was born in Baden, is now past seventy years of age and still active in the management of his farming interests in Perkins Township. He and his wife had four children: Jay, a resident of Sandusky; Frank P., of Oxford Township; Rosa, of Perkins Township; and Clara, wife of John Wieland of Oxford Township. The father of these children came to Oxford Township when seventeen years of age, having benefited by instruction in the German schools up to that time and on reaching Erie County secured employment which eventually led him to independence as a farmer in Perkins Township, where he still lives. He is one of the well known members of the German community in that township, and since

gaining citizenship has steadily voted and supported the republican ticket.

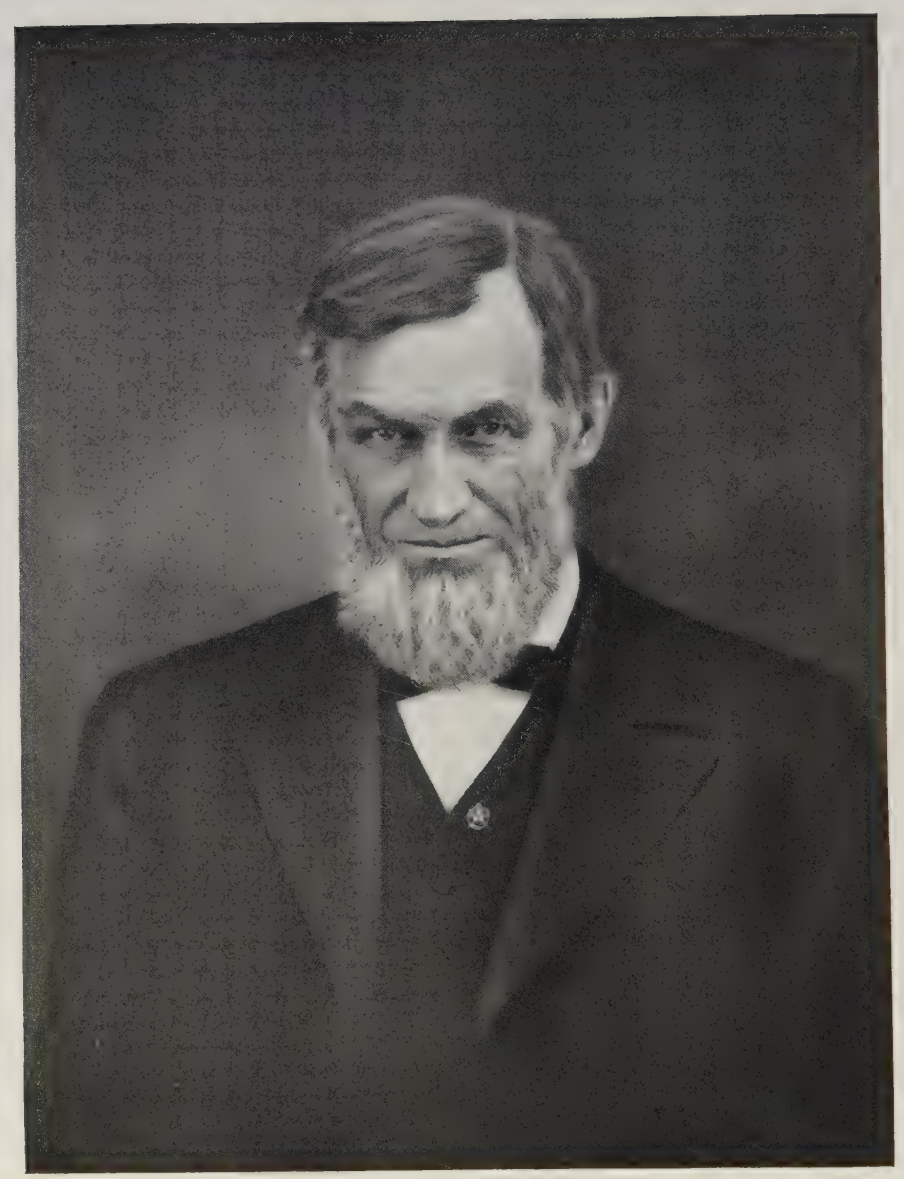
Frank P. Balduff grew up on a farm, obtained most of his education from the Sandusky public schools, and from an early age has made himself useful and has accepted every opportunity for his advancement. On May 28, 1907, he married Miss Bertha E. Scheid, who was born in Oxford Township, a daughter of William and Caroline Scheid. Her father was a prominent farmer in this township and is now deceased, while the mother is living with Mr. and Mrs. Balduff, being an octogenarian in age. Mr. and Mrs. Balduff have one son, Kenneth S., who was born October 27, 1908. In politics Mr. Balduff is a republican though with independent proclivities, and shows his public spirit by supporting the public schools and all other local institutions and enterprises that will benefit the community as a whole.

George Homegardner. From the heavy responsibilities of an active business career which engaged him for many years in Erie County, George Homegardner retired to the attractive and not unprofitable business of managing a farm and chicken industry in 1910. His present country home is situated on South Mill Street in Perkins Township. Mr. Homegardner for many years followed railroad and other contracting, and has built many miles of railway lines in this state.

His birth occurred in Sandusky, February 16, 1855, a son of George and Mary (Hermann) Homegardner. His father was born in Switzerland and his mother in the Province of Alsace, then a part of France and now of Germany. George Homegardner, Sr., came to America when about twelve years of age, his parents spending a short time in Richland County, Ohio, and during the '30s moving to Erie County. For many years the father lived at Sandusky and was a general contractor, building roads and performing other construction work of that kind. He died in 1881. He was a stanch democrat and a man whose success was mainly the fruit of his own work and good management.

Mr. Homegardner, Jr., grew up in Sandusky, and received his education from St. Mary's parochial schools and the Sandusky High School. His career has been notable for its industry, and for nearly forty years he was constant in his attention to business and allowed nothing to interfere with the main work which he had to perform in the world. For three years he was a locomotive fireman on the old Mad River Railroad. Later he took up railroad contracting, and assisted in the construction of the Washington Park in Sandusky. He did the grading for the Lake Erie and Western Railroad through Sandusky, and also performed the grading of the Mustcash County Road through Margaretta Township for five miles, taking the grade through the Village of Venice. Another contract was the construction of twelve miles of the double tracking for the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railway near Glendale and Cincinnati. On leaving the business of railway contractor Mr. Homegardner was for about twenty years engaged in the manufacturing of soft drinks in Sandusky, his plant and industry being known as the Sandusky Bottling Works. He retired from that in 1910 and has since been employed in the quieter routine of farm management. He is now known as one of the most successful chicken raisers in the county and has made a specialty of the White Leghorn. The equipment for his business comprises facilities and improvements of the most modern type, and he is in the poultry industry on a large scale. His farm comprises seventy-nine acres, and the land is devoted to general crops and he raises most of the feed for his own fowls.

Mr. Homegardner married Helen Walter, of Sandusky, a daughter of Philip and Caroline Walter. Her parents lived for many years in



Henry Jarrett

Sandusky, where they died. Two sons have been born to their union: Roland P. and Albert.

During his residence in Sandusky Mr. Homegardner took an active and prominent part in public affairs. For four years he was a city commissioner and was also a director of public safety. He is a democrat in politics, and a member of Holy Angels Catholic Church at Sandusky. He belongs to several fraternal orders, and has a large acquaintance both in the city and in the country districts of Erie County.

Henry Jarrett. The family of which the honored subject of this memoir was a representative was founded in Erie County three-fourths of a century ago and the name has been most prominently and worthily linked with the history of the country, where its representatives have been strong and resourceful factors in the furtherance of civic and industrial progress. He to whom this memoir is dedicated was a mere child at the time of the family immigration from Pennsylvania to Ohio and was reared and educated under the conditions marking the pioneer epoch in the history of Erie County. In later years he was for some time a resident of Iowa, but he eventually returned to Erie County, where he became extensively engaged in farming and stock growing, was the owner of one of the finest landed estates in the county, and was held in inviolable confidence and esteem as a citizen of influence and as a man of impregnable integrity in all of the relations of life.

Mr. Jarrett was born in Upper Milford Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, on the 18th of February, 1827, and thus was seventy years and seven months of age at the time of his death, which occurred on the 29th of April, 1898, as the result of a pitiable accident. He had gone from his farm to the City of Sandusky with a load of oats, and while he was attempting to mount the load he fell to the ground, his horses started and the wheels of the heavily loaded wagon passed over him, the result being that his death occurred within a few minutes thereafter. He had been tenderly removed to a place on the lawn of the Erie County Courthouse, and the best medical aid was promptly obtained; his injuries were such that he soon expired, his tragic death having been deeply deplored in the county which had been his home during virtually his entire life, and in which his circle of friends was limited only by that of his acquaintances.

Mr. Jarrett was a son of Isaac and Polly (Richie) Jarrett, both of whom were born in Lincolnshire, England, about the time of the opening of the nineteenth century, and both of whom were young at the time of the immigration of the respective families to the United States, both families having established their residence in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, where the majority of their neighbors were of German and Holland Dutch lineage. Both the paternal and maternal grandparents of Mr. Jarrett passed the residue of their lives in Lehigh County, and in that county Isaac Jarrett and Polly Richie were reared to maturity. After their marriage they continued their residence on a farm in Lehigh County until 1830, and there were born eight of their children, namely: James, Solomon, Mary, Lydia, Eliza, Rebecca, Clarissa and Henry. In 1830 the parents made the overland journey with teams and wagons to Ohio, and in the forest wilds of Erie County Isaac Jarrett obtained a tract of Government land in what is now Perkins Township and in the section locally known as the German Settlement. On his embryonic farm he made a clearing and built the primitive log cabin which was the original domicile of the family, and he and his wife endured the full tension of pioneer life, for which they were well equipped, as they were strong and vigorous, earnest and industrious and animated by worthy purpose. With the passing of the years Isaac Jarrett and his sons

reclaimed the land which he has obtained, and as prosperity attended their efforts additions were made to the rear of the farm, which eventually became one of the finest in Perkins Township. Isaac Jarrett at the time of his death was one of the most extensive landholders of Northern Ohio, and he well merited the success which he achieved through arduous toil and the application of enterprise and mature judgment. He and his wife continued to reside on their fine old homestead, honored by all who knew them, until they were finally summoned to eternal rest, in the fullness of years and in the gracious temporal prosperity that properly rewards such earnest application and faithful service as had marked their lives. After their removal to Ohio two sons were born to them, Isaac and John, and the latter is the only son now surviving them. The remains of the sterling pioneers, Isaac and Polly Jarrett, rest in the Sandhill Cemetery of Erie County.

Henry Jarrett was about three years of age at the time when the family made the weary overland journey from the old Keystone State to Ohio, and he was reared to adult age under the conditions and influences of the strenuous pioneer days. He early began to lend his aid in the arduous work of the home farm and thus gained abiding appreciation of the dignity and value of honest toil, the while he availed himself of such educational advantages as were afforded in the primitive common schools of the locality and period. Alert of mind and full of physical vigor, his ambition was early quickened, and to such a man an early educational handicap means nought save that it may be overcome through self-application and through the lessons to be learned under the direction of that wise headmaster, experience.

Mr. Jarrett imbibed fully the pioneer spirit, and in 1847, when twenty years of age, with his financial resources represented in the gold coins strapped about his waist by a belt, he ventured forth into the West. He made his way to prairie wilds of Iowa and entered claim to a large tract of Government land in the vicinity of the present little city of Marshalltown, Clayton County. As one of the sturdy pioneers of the Hawkeye State he essayed the task of bringing his land under cultivation and he had many interesting and numerous unpleasant experiences in connection with life on the frontier, on one occasion having been threatened with robbery at the hands of border desperadoes. Ill health finally compelled him to dispose of his holdings in Iowa, at a distinct sacrifice, and after having remained several years in that now great and prosperous commonwealth, he was thus prompted to sever his allegiance thereto and to return to the old home in Erie County, Ohio. Here, in the early '50s, he obtained 240 acres of fine land, in Huron Township, and on this now magnificent rural domain his widow and their only daughter still maintain their home. The farm is eligibly situated in the southwestern part of Huron Township, on the Milan Road and about seven miles distant from the City of Sandusky, the judicial center of the county.

With characteristic circumspection, energy and progressiveness, Mr. Jarrett gave himself right vigorously to the improving and management of his fine landed estate, and under effective direction it was developed into one of the best and most attractive country seats in this section of the state. In 1874 he erected on the farm the present substantial residence, which has twenty rooms, is equipped with the best of modern improvements and facilities and which was one of the finest rural dwellings in the county at the time of its erection, there being at the present time few that excel it, the while it is certain none is better known as a center of gracious and refined hospitality.

Mr. Jarrett was a man of most genial and companionable nature, considerate and generous in his association with his fellow men, broad-

minded and liberal in his views, appreciative of the personal stewardship success involves, and always ready to do his part in the furtherance of measures and enterprises tending to conserve the civic and material welfare of the community. He won friends because he deserved them, and to him friendship was ever inviolable. He was direct, sincere and steadfast in all the relations of life, and thus it may readily be understood that his tragic death brought a distinct shock to the entire community in which he had lived and labored to goodly ends and in which his name and memory are held in lasting honor.

Though essentially liberal and public-spirited in his civic attitude and a staunch supporter of the cause of the republican party, Mr. Jarrett never consented to become a candidate for public office. He was a valued member of Perkins Grange No. 637, Patrons of Husbandry, and served as chaplain of the same, besides which he was an active member and supporter of the Erie County Farmers' Institute. He was affiliated with Marks Lodge No. 639, Free and Accepted Masons, at Huron, and was an earnest member and liberal supporter of the Perkins Methodist Episcopal Church, his wife and daughter being zealous members of the same at the present time.

In Milan Township, this county, on the 12th of May, 1864, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Jarrett to Miss Delia Tillotson, who was born in Huron Township, at a point not far distant from her present home, and the date of whose nativity was November 2, 1838. She was reared and educated in this county. After her husband's death it was found that the property was heavily involved, but through hard work she eventually cleared the farm of a heavy indebtedness of nearly $10,000. This was accomplished through the assistance of her son John and the other children, and today these children thank this mother for the lesson of industry she taught. Mrs. Jarrett is a daughter of Josiah and Sarah (Mackey) Tillotson. Josiah Tillotson was born in Erie County on the 13th of April, 1814, and his father, Phineas Tillotson, of staunch Scotch ancestry, was among the very early pioneers of Erie County, where he established his home in the wilds of Milan Township. He attained to venerable age and passed the closing years of his life in the State of Indiana. His children were Josiah, Delia, Melinda, Rhoda, Stephen, William, Parenthena and John, and all of them are now deceased.

Josiah Tillotson was a successful man in connection with the productive activities of the world, passed his entire life in Erie County, and his death occurred on the 22d of November, 1888, at Monroeville, his name meriting high place on the roll of the honored pioneer citizens and native sons of Erie County. His political allegiance was originally given to the whig party, but after the organization of the republican party he continued a staunch supporter of its cause until the time of his death, both he and his wife having been members of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Sarah (Mackey) Tillotson was born near Williamsport, Pennsylvania, on the 14th of November, 1815, and was summoned to eternal rest on the 27th of February, 1880, at her home at Berlin Heights, Erie County, Ohio. The Mackey family was founded in New Jersey in the colonial era of our national history, and there became one of no little prominence and influence. One of its representatives, an ancestor of Mrs. Tillotson, was a gallant soldier and officer of the Continental Line in the war of the Revolution, in which he served as a member of a New Jersey regiment, and his record as a loyal soldier and fervent patriot redounds to the honor of his name.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett became the parents of four children, all of whom survive the honored father: Henry, who is a representative farmer of Perkins Township, wedded Miss Lisetta Rau, and their three children

are Alma, Maybelle A. C. and Lydia. John is a resident of Perkins Township, is married, but has no children. James, who is engaged in the agricultural implement business in Bogart and whose first wife and their only child are deceased, married the second time September 29, 1915, Miss Blanche M. Barnes, of Sandhill, becoming his wife. Cora May, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett, is the wife of Herbert Harris, and they remain with her widowed mother on the fine old homestead farm, to the general supervision of which Mr. Harris gives his attention. Mrs. Harris was graduated in the high school at Milan in 1900, has availed herself also of the advantages of a leading correspondence school, and has given special attention to the study of music, in which field of art she has much talent. She is known alike for her fine intellectuality, her gracious personality and her administrative ability, and she is a leader in the social activities of the representative circles in which she moves and to the other members of which she delights in extending the hospitality of the beautiful old home in which she has resided during virtually her entire life thus far. She is a practical business woman, and has gained no little reputation through her effective interposition in the raising of high-grade live stock and fine poultry. She has been one of the most active and popular members of Perkins Grange No. 637, Patrons of Husbandry, in which she has filled the chair of master and in which she now holds the office of lecturer, many interesting papers having been prepared by her for presentation before the grange. By virtue of descent from the Revolutionary soldier in the Mackey family side, as mentioned in a preceding paragraph, Mrs. Harris is eligible for and is actively affiliated with the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. Harris, who holds precedence as one of the representative agriculturists and stock growers of Erie County, was born and reared in Huron Township and continued his studies in the public schools until he had completed the curriculum of the high school. He is a republican in politics and is one of the popular citizens of his native county, his father, Thomas Harris, being a wealthy and influential farmer of Huron Township. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have one son, Dean Jarrett Harris.

George A. Boeckling. A projector of many of the valued improvements of city and county during his residence of nearly a score of years at Sandusky, George A. Boeckling is one of the active and energetic men who have been helpful and influential in developing the material resources of Erie County. Enterprising and far-sighted, he has been quick to take advantage of every opportunity for advancing the material interests of the community.

During his various travels, Mr. Boeckling had visited Sandusky, and had been greatly impressed while at Cedar Point with the possibilities of that place as a grand summer resort. After giving the matter much serious thought, he came, in 1898, to Sandusky to live, and very soon organized the Cedar Point Resort Company, of which he was made president and general manager. With rare discrimination and judgment, he began laying out the place to the best advantage, and in almost every instance was the designer of the many beautiful buildings subsequently erected by the company. Under his wise directions, the improvements inaugurated have been continued each year, and Cedar Point is now one of the finest and most popular summer resorts in the country.

Mr. Boeckling is also interested financially as a stockholder in various corporations, and is one of the directors of the Third National Bank of Sandusky. Fraternally he is a member of several organizations.

George W. Parker. In the person of George W. Parker is found a sample of that material which has brought Erie County to the forefront

in the field of agricultural endeavor. Endowed with more than average ability, backed with shrewd business judgment, he has prospered in the affairs of life and is now enjoying the comforts of one of the attractive farm homes of Groton Township. He has always been a sterling and public spirited citizen, qualities which were also characteristic of his honored father, and both have given their aid to those movements which have made for progress and development.

The Parker family has been identified with Erie County for a great many years. George W. Parker was born on a farm in Margaretta Township April 24, 1871, a son of James C. and Mary (Puckrim) Parker, his father, now deceased, a native of Margaretta Township and the mother a native of England, and now living at Columbus, Ohio. James C. Parker was a son of Elihu Parker, who had given active service as a soldier during the War of 1812, and became one of the pioneers in the development of the rich agricultural district of Margaretta Township in Erie County. The Parker family is of English origin. The late James C. Parker was reared in Margaretta Township, attended the local schools of his time, and was married there. Of his four children the two now surviving are George W. and Lucretia E., who is living in Columbus. James C. Parker brought his family to Groton Township during the decade of the '70s, and settled on a farm along the Columbus Pike and not far from the Seven Mile House. That was his home until his death in December, 1909. He was active as a republican and enjoyed more than ordinary influence and leadership in his community. He served as a trustee of Groton Township several years, also as township treasurer, and for three terms or six years was one of the board of county commissioners of Erie County, and during a portion of that time was president of the board. His success was almost entirely due to his own energy and he gained not only sufficient of this world's goods but lived in the continued esteem of his community. He also made a record during the Civil war as a soldier in the ninety days' service toward the close of the struggle. In his death Erie County lost one of its most admirable citizens. He was a member for many years of the Grand Army Post at Sandusky.

George W. Parker was reared in Groton Township, obtained his education in the common schools, and beginning life as a farmer has always pursued agriculture as a means of providing for his family. He is likewise a republican in politics and interested in everything that concerns the community.

In October, 1894, he married Miss Kathryn Galloway. Mrs. Parker was born in Huron Township of Erie County, a daughter of the late James Galloway of that township. Mr. and Mrs. Parker are members of the Sand Hill Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is now serving as a trustee. They have one of the good farm homes of Groton Township, and Mr. Parker has applied not only an unusual degree of energy but also excellent common sense and intelligence in his farming operations.

Jasper N. Delany. Noteworthy among the esteemed and prosperous citizens of Erie County is Jasper N. Delany, of Sandusky, who is likewise distinguished as a veteran of the Civil war. Born in Virginia, December 25, 1842, he was but an infant when brought to Ohio by his parents, who located in Franklin County, and there died a few years later, leaving two young children, Jasper, the subject of this brief sketch, and Sarah C., who married H. S. Sneary, of Vaughnsville, Putnam County, Ohio.

After the death of his parents, of whom he has no remembrance, Jasper N. Delany was taken into the home of W. M. Rower, and in 1849 went with the family to Putnam County as pioneer settlers of that part

of the state, which was then but sparsely settled, while wild game of all kinds was plentiful and the streams thereabout abounded with fish. Mr. Rower bought a tract of heavily timbered land and soon erected a log cabin, in which the family lived for a number of years. As soon as old enough to wield an axe Jasper lent able assistance in clearing and improving a farm, in the meantime attending school as opportunity offered.

On April 20, 1861, inspired with patriotic ardor, Mr. Delany enlisted for three months in Company E, Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with his command went to the front. Being honorably discharged at the expiration of his term of enlistment, he returned home, and in August, 1862, again offered his services to his country, enlisting in Company I, Ninety-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Going South with his command, Mr. Delany took an active part in many engagements, including the battle of Stone River, Tennessee, where he was so severely wounded as to be incapacitated for active service for one year. On leaving the hospital he was transferred to the Twenty-third Veteran Reserve Corps, made up of crippled soldiers and others unfit for field service, and to which he belonged until receiving his honorable discharge from the service, July 28, 1865, at St. Paul, Minnesota. He served in all three years, three months and fifteen days.

Returning to Ohio, Mr. Delany resided in Putnam County until 1880, when he moved to Allen County, where he lived for sixteen years, being employed at various kinds of work. In 1896 he became a resident of Sandusky, which has since been his home. Here he has acquired title to and improved several pieces of valuable property, mostly on Spencer Street and Beatty Avenue, and in 1912 erected the home which he now occupies, located on Beatty Avenue.

In 1865 Mr. Delany married Miss Louisa Sasse, who died in 1906, leaving three children, Mary, Ellen and William. Mary, the eldest, died at the early age of twenty years. Ellen married Thomas M. Henton, and they have one daughter, Hazel Henton. William married Gladys Beach, and they are the parents of two children, Bessie and Norman Delany. Religiously Mr. Delany is a member of the United Brethren Church.

Belding DeLamatre. Many of the successful agriculturists of Erie County are carrying on operations on farms upon which they were born and on which they have spent practically all their lives. In this class is found Belding DeLamatre, one of the most progressive and enterprising farmers of Oxford Township, his home being on Rural Route No. 3 out of Monroeville. While most of his career has been devoted to the pursuits of the soil, his energetic labors have brought him various other interests, and for a number of years he has been an influential factor in local affairs and has long enjoyed a substantial position in the community.

Born on the old DeLamatre homestead November 15, 1849, he is a son of Belding and Elizabeth (O'Leary) DeLamatre, his father a native of Dutchess County, New York, and his mother of Ireland. She came when three years of age with her parents to America, and they first located in Milan and later moved to Oxford Township, where the O'Learys were early settlers. The senior DeLamatre was a son of Benjamin DeLamatre, also a native of New York State, and while the name is French there was also a German admixture in his family. Belding DeLamatre, Sr., came when a young man from New York State to Erie County in 1844. He and his younger brother, James V., made the trip across the country in a covered wagon, and camped out along the road wherever night overtook them. They finally arrived in Erie County, and

being young men of capable industry and determined purpose, though with limited capital, they were soon settled on the farm in Oxford Township where the junior Belding DeLamatre now lives. It was a tract of raw prairie and they were the first to plow its soil and cultivate the land to the fruits of civilization. For many years the DeLamatre brothers were in partnership as agriculturists and cattle raisers and dealers. They built up a large business as dealers and shippers in cattle, and in the early days, when railroads were little known, they drove their stock the entire distance along the roads between Northern Ohio and New York City as their market. It usually required sixty days of driving, making about ten miles each day. James V. DeLamatre finally sold out his interest in the farm and the business to his brother, and removed to the vicinity of Norwalk, Ohio, in Huron County, where he engaged independently in farming until his death. Belding DeLamatre, Sr., died January 23, 1881, while his wife passed away May 15, 1890. Belding DeLamatre was the architect of his own fortunes, was a keen and successful business man and a man of no little prominence in his community. He and his wife were the parents of six children: Belding, of Oxford Township; Carrie E., wife of Dr. M. J. Love of Bloomingville; James C., who died February 28, 1913, aged fifty-nine years; Clayton W., who has gained success and considerable prominence as an attorney at Omaha, Nebraska; Grace J., wife of Melburn Love of Oberlin; and William, who died when twenty months old.

Mr. Belding DeLamatre grew up on the old farm in Oxford Township, and all his boyhood associations are connected with the farm and the community in which he now lives. He attended the public schools of his native township and for one year was a student in the fine old educational center of Baldwin University at Berea, Ohio, and was also a student in the Buckeye Business College at Sandusky, one of the best institutions of its class. For many years now he has followed his chosen vocation as a farmer and his estate comprises nearly 200 acres, devoted to general agriculture and stock raising. Like his father, he also buys and sells live stock, and this business has brought him a wide acquaintance over Erie and into some of the adjoining counties.

Since 1890 Mr. DeLamatre has served as real estate assessor of Oxford Township, and more recently has also been personal property assessor. For three years he was justice of the peace, and for two terms was township trustee. He has also served as a member of the local board of education in the township, and takes an interest in every institution and movement which means better living conditions in his township. He is in addition to other interests now local representative for Erie County Mutual Insurance Company.

For his first wife Mr. DeLamatre married Annie Wilson of Montgomery County, Missouri. At her death she left one son, Maro M., also now deceased. Mrs. DeLamatre, his present wife, before her marriage was Emma James, daughter of the late Crawford James, a well known pioneer settler and farmer in Perkins Township. Mr. and Mrs. DeLamatre have two children: Hal A. and Mrs. Grace Walker, both living in Oxford Township.

Thomas Hartley. Many of the most progressive agriculturists of Erie County have gone in for fruit growing, and the lake shore is almost a continuous succession of orchards. Thomas Hartley has been identified with this line of industry in Berlin Township for about thirty years. He is an expert horticulturist, having gained much of his early training in England, and brought to Erie County the fruit of experience acquired by many years of practical agricultural work in the old country.

Thomas Hartley was born in Lincolnshire, England, May 6, 1859. His grandfather was a shoemaker, and he and his wife spent all their lives at Dunham in Lincolnshire, where they passed away when old people. His grandmother was about eighty years old when she died. There were seven sons in the family. Of these sons Thomas came to America many years ago, spent three years as a soldier in the Civil war, was once wounded in the back, and now for many years has lived as a farmer in Niagara County, New York, where he is a pensioner and has a family of six sons and two daughters. George and Joseph, two other of the sons, spent their lives in Lincolnshire, England, the former as a foreman in a factory and the latter as a local politician and office holder; neither of these brothers left children. William, now deceased, was a shoemaker and dealer, and left four children. Charles served as a sergeant in the English army, and after retiring was employed by his colonel, lived in a small village in his native shire, and at his death left a son. Henry died when young, after his marriage.

John Hartley, father of Thomas Hartley, grew up in Lincolnshire, learned the trade of butcher, but subsequently became a farmer, and died at the age of seventy-five. He married Susanna West, who was born in Lincolnshire a few years later than her husband, and died when in the prime of life. She left two children. One of them, John, Jr., came to the United States about twenty years ago and located in Erie County, Ohio, subsequently bought a farm in Perkins Township and died there in December, 1913, leaving a widow and three children, John, Albert and Frances, the first and the last being now married.

Thomas Hartley grew up in his native shire, and received as good an education as his opportunities would permit. Inclinations and circumstances turned him to the business of horticulture, and by the time he had reached manhood he was fairly expert in that profession. In 1880, at the age of twenty-one, he first came to the United States, when still unmarried, and for a time lived with his uncle in Niagara County, New York. In 1882 he removed to Erie County, Ohio, and in 1883 returned to England, and was married at the Episcopal Church in a little village in Lincolnshire to Ellen Bilton. Mrs. Hartley was born there in 1858, a daughter of William and Adelaide (Trevor) Bilton, who were natives of the same shire. Her father was a shoemaker and farmer, and died at the age of sixty-five, and her mother subsequently came to America and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hartley, at the age of eighty-two, having retained her strength and vigor up to within two weeks of her death. The Biltons were members of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Hartley was next to the youngest in a family of fifteen children, most of whom grew up and married and seven of them came to the United States. Mr. Hartley brought his young bride to the United States, and their journey hither was in the nature of a honeymoon. For some months they lived in Cleveland and in Huron, and in 1888 he bought his first farm of twenty-nine acres in Berlin Township. He has devoted a quarter of a century to its improvement and cultivation, and has developed it almost entirely to orchard and small crops. His fruit farm is one of the highest class along the lake shore. His fruit crops are peaches, apples, cherries, pears, grapes and small fruits, and he also grows a large quantity of vegetables. In the midst of his orchard he has an attractive nine-room house, nearly new, and fitted out with all conveniences. It has a splendid view along the lake shore and out over the blue waters, and he has also set off along the shore at an elevation of thirty feet several building lots and has erected four summer homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley have two fine and vigorous young sons. J. William, now twenty-eight, is manager of the James Anderson farm adjoining the homestead of his father. He married Ida M. Klaholtz, of

Huron Township, and their children are Fay Geraldine, Ellen Twyla and Catherine Vivian. Kyle T., the second son, who is twenty-five years of age, owns a fine modern eight-room house adjoining that of his father, and is active assistant in the management of the fruit industry for his father. He married Miss Julia C. Beatty, who was born and reared in Huron Township, and they have a son, Thomas W. Mr. Hartley and family are members of the Presbyterian Church, and for a number of years he was active in the Patrons of Husbandry. He and his sons are republicans.

T. Roy Gillmore. For nearly a score of years Mr. Gillmore has given efficient service in the office of superintendent of the docks of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad in the fine little lake port City of Huron, Erie County, and under his administration the docks have been rebuilt and brought up to the best modern standard, the while the most approved mechanical equipment has been installed for the handling of the large ore traffic which comes to this port, in addition to other important transportation business in connection with navigation interests on the Great Lakes. At these docks are handled annually from 700,000 to 1,000,000-000 tons of iron ore taken principally from the mines of the Lake Superior regions, and the product is largely manufactured at the Labell Iron Works, at Steuben, Ohio, and the Carnegie Iron Works at Mingo Junction, this state. The Huron docks of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad handle annually about 2,000,000 tons of coal also, and these brief statements indicate significantly the exacting and important official duties devolving upon Mr. Gillmore. Facilities are such that a vessel of 10,000 tons burden can be unloaded at the Huron docks in six hours, and the same relative period is demanded in reloading the material on to the railroad cars. Prior to assuming his present position Mr. Gillmore had been assistant superintendent of docks at the port of Conneaut Harbor, Ashtabula County, where he assisted in the construction of the first docks of the railway company with which he is still identified, his services at that place having continued from 1891 until 1897, in which latter year he assumed the office of which he has since been the efficient and valued incumbent.

Mr. Gillmore was born at Lorain, Ohio, in the county of the same name, and the date of his nativity was March 21, 1869. He there continued his studies in the public schools until he had completed the curriculum of the high school, and at the age of sixteen years he became assistant to his father, who was engaged in business as a dredging contractor and whose work was largely that of assuming Government contracts. When he was twenty years of age Mr. Gillmore was to be found operating a dredge in an independent way, and in the meanwhile he was admirably fortifying himself in intimate and practical knowledge of machinery as well as in executive experience. His advancement has been achieved through ability and effective service and he is not only a recognized expert in the mechanical lines along which he has directed his energies but is also known for his fidelity and mature judgment as an executive, so that he is admirably equipped for the important office of which he is now in tenure. At the Huron docks he has as his able assistants Edward B. Day, who has practical supervision of the ore shipments; Henry P. Klasen, who is assigned to the charge of the coal in transportation; Albert P. Beckloff, who is chief clerk; and Sherman Lutzenheiser, who is master mechanic. At Huron these efficient operatives have control of the entire dock system maintained by the Cleveland Stevedore Company, of which company Mr. Gillmore himself is president, his entire active career having been one of close identification with navigation affairs and lake-marine service.

The lineage of the Gillmore family traces back to stanch Scottish origin, and the paternal grandparents of the subject of this review were natives of the State of Vermont, the family having been founded in New England in an early day. Mr. Gillmore is a nephew of Quincy Adams Gillmore, who attained to marked distinction through his services as a military engineer for the United States Government, and who in this capacity did a large amount of important engineering work on the Mississippi River and along the Pacific Coast.

Quartus Gillmore, father of him whose name initiates this article, was born at Lorain, this state, in 1837, and was a son of Quincy Gillmore, who was a sterling pioneer of the Buckeye State and who settled at Lorain when that place was a mere forest hamlet of straggling pioneer type and when the present City of Cleveland was represented by little more than a ferry across the Cuyahoga River. He became one of the pioneer farmers of Lorain County, where he reclaimed his land from the wilderness and where he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives. Quartus Gillmore was reared and educated in his native county and he became eventually a successful and representative contractor in the construction of cement and stone work, especially in the building of piers and docks for lake vessels. He held and successfully completed the contract for the construction of the Government piers and cribs at Huron and also the slip for vessels that is owned and utilized by the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad, these contracts having been completed by him in the early '80s. He did also a large amount of important dredging work, and was known and honored as an upright and able business man and as a citizen of invincible integrity and loyalty. He was concerned with Government improvement work at various points along the shore of Lake Erie, and his activities in this line touched such important ports as Sandusky, Lorain, Fairport, Ashtabula and Conneaut. He became specially well known throughout Northern Ohio, and ever commanded the unqualified esteem of those with whom he came in contact in the varied relations of a long and successful career. He was a radical republican in his political proclivities, and his strong mind and strong body sustained him almost to the last, his death having occurred at his home, at Lorain, his native place, on the 9th of September, 1897.

At Lorain was solemnized the marriage of Quartus Gillmore to Miss Mary J. Fitzgerald, who survives him and who celebrated her seventy-eighth birthday anniversary in 1915, and who is still a resident of her native City of Lorain, where her circle of friends is limited only by that of her acquaintances. She has been from her youth a devoted member of the Congregational Church, and her husband was a liberal supporter of the various religious organizations in his home city, though he was not formally identified with any of the same, his views having been liberal and tolerant. Of the four children the first-born is Quartus A., who is in charge of the dock of the American Steel & Wire Company in the City of Cleveland, who is married and who has one son and four daughters; M. Isabel is the wife of John B. Burges, trainmaster for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Garrett, Indiana, and they have two sons; T. Roy, of this review, was the next in order of birth; William Eugene, who was educated in the United States Military Academy, at West Point, in which institution he was graduated, was assigned to detail duty in the construction of the rifle ranges for the Wisconsin National Guard, at Sparta, and thereafter became professor of military science and tactics at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, a position in which he continued his services until he was called upon to join his regiment in the Philippine Islands, where he is now stationed and where he was promoted in March, 1915, to the office of captain.

T. Roy Gillmore is a republican in his political allegiance, and in a fraternal way is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum and the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks.

At Lakewood, a suburb of Cleveland, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Gillmore to Miss Lillian D. Day, who is a daughter of Captain Edward Day, her father having been for more than twenty years in charge of docks in the City of Cleveland, where he is still the owner of a valuable dock property, and having been for a number of years similarly engaged at Conneaut. Captain Day now resides in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gillmore, and though he has attained to the venerable age of eighty-four years, in 1915, he retains remarkable control of his physical and mental powers, keeps in touch with the events of the hour and is able to give most interesting reminiscences concerning the varied phases of his long and useful career, during the earlier stages of which he was a sailor on the Great Lakes, a service in which he rose to the command of a vessel and thus gained his title of captain. Mr. and Mrs. Gillmore have one daughter, Ruth, who was born in the year 1901 and who is now a student in the Huron High School.

Henry J. Merthe, of Huron Township, is one of the industrious and reliable farmers of Erie County, classed with the modern agriculturists who are acknowledged to be as broad and scientific in their methods and as fruitful in valuable results to the community as the workers in any other branch of modern industry. Through his well-directed efforts he has accumulated a farm of 108 acres, located on Lake Avenue, the possession of which stamps him as one of the substantial men of Huron Township.

Mr. Merthe is a native son of Ohio, born January 30, 1856, at Amherst, Lorain County, his parents being Henry and Elza (Heusner) Merthe, the former born in Northern Hesse, Germany, April 10, 1830, and the latter in Southern Hesse, Germany, February 4, 1838. Henry Merthe was educated in his native land and was a youth of nineteen years when he started for America. Going to Hamburg, he boarded an old sailing vessel, which was shipwrecked on the journey, and before the voyage was completed the passengers suffered greatly from hunger and thirst, the ship's provisions having given out. Finally, after twenty-two weeks, the vessel made port at New York City, from whence Mr. Merthe at once made his way to Lorain County, Ohio, began life as a farmer, and there met and married Elza Heusner, who had come to the United States in 1844 with her father, Jacob Heusner. Jacob Heusner was a school and music teacher, and a member of a family of eight generations of musicians, but on coming to Lorain County, Ohio, turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, purchasing a tract of wild, heavily timbered land in Brownhelm Township. There he cut and burned the heaviest growth of walnut, cleared up his farm and made a good home, and died at Elyria, Ohio, in 1880, at the age of eighty years. He was also a composer of music and in Germany had been a preacher in the Reformed Church, of which he was always a member, as was also his wife, who died when forty-five years of age.

After his marriage, Henry Merthe began life in Lorain County, where he assisted in the building of the Lake Shore Railroad and worked for several years on that line as a brakeman. Later he purchased and improved 300 acres of land in Amherst Township, that county, on which was located a large stone quarry, which he sold to great advantage. He was a thrifty, industrious farmer, a citizen who was highly respected in his community, and a leader in prayer meeting in the Evangelical Church, as well as deacon, steward and superintendent of the Sunday School for many years. A talented musician, he was particularly proficient as a performer on the violin. In politics he was a republican.

Mrs. Merthe was a member of the Lutheran Church, and in all the county there was to be found no more worthy or upright couple. They had a family of eleven children, of whom five sons and four daughters are still living, and all but one are married and have families.

Henry J. Merthe received his education in the public schools of Lorain County, and was brought up to agricultural pursuits which have occupied his attention throughout his life. When he came to Erie County, in 1879, he purchased 108 acres of land on Lake Avenue in Huron Township, and this property he has brought to a high state of cultivation, raising fifty bushels of wheat to the acre and 300 bushels of potatoes, of the latter of which he makes a specialty. For a number of years he has been an exhibitor at various fairs and expositions, and has taken many prizes and premiums for his exhibits. In former years he was a raiser of fine sheep for the market, as well as other stock, and is now actively engaged in buying and shipping of live stock to the eastern markets, and all of his ventures have been attended by success, which he attributes to the fact that he has always used modern and practical methods in his work. He now has excellent improvements on his farm, known as Pleasant View Farm, including a large and artistic residence of twelve rooms, comfortably and tastefully furnished, and equipped with all modern comforts and conveniences.

Mr. Merthe was married at Elyria, Ohio, to Miss Christena L. Eppley, who was born in 1865 at McConnellsville, Morgan County, Ohio, on the Muskingum River, daughter of Michael and Rosa (Harsch) Eppley, natives of Germany. Mr. Eppley was ten years of age and his wife five years old when they were brought to the United States by their parents on sailing vessels, the families settling in Morgan County, Ohio, where they were farming people and members of the Evangelical Church. After his marriage, Mr. Eppley was engaged as a carpenter and house builder until 1870, in which year he moved to Elyria, Ohio, and there engaged in farming. He erected a good house and bank barns on his large farm, and also specialized in raising fine horses, for which he secured as much as $1,500 a pair, and died well to do in 1894, when about seventy years of age, Mrs. Eppley having died some time before, when fifty years old. They were faithful members of the Evangelical Church all their lives, and in politics Mr. Eppley was a democrat.

To Mr. and Mrs. Merthe there have been born the following children: Arthur and Ruby, who died when about nine months old; Edward C., born in 1883, a talented musician, learned the trade of machinist and is now foreman of the machine department of the United States Corporation's plant at Lorain, Ohio, married Edith Brunk, of Lorain, and has two sons, Donald and Wendell; Nellie, who is the wife of Arthur Scully, of Toledo, Ohio; Elnora, a graduate of the Huron High School, and now the wife of Ross Heilman, of Chicago Junction, Ohio, and has a son, Hubert; and Lillian Pearl Walcott, living with her parents on the farm, and the mother of one daughter, Yvonne Eleanor Walcott.

Mr. and Mrs. Merthe and their children are members of the Evangelical Church. He is a republican in his political views, and while not a seeker for preferment of an official nature, takes an interest in the success of his party and as a citizen discharges his responsibilities in a public-spirited manner. His reputation in business circles is of the highest character, and his numerous friends testify to his general popularity.

John C. Britton. Since 1906 Mr. Britton has held the position of superintendent of the municipal light and water plant of the City of Huron, this office having been assumed by him on the 20th of March of that year and under his efficient supervision the service having been

RESIDENCE OF HENRY J. MERTHE, PLEASANT VIEW FARM, LAKE AVENUE, HURON

kept up to the highest standard, with marked popular appreciation on the part of the community. This department of public-utility service has been owned and controlled by the city since 1898, and the municipality having found also that economy has been conserved under its control, the while consumers also have profited largely through the change from private ownership, the cost of the electric-lighting system being much below the average, and the waterworks system having 274 taps in operation, with a constant increase in number from year to year, with the result that the city confidently expects to be able to give in the near future an appreciably cheaper water service than even the exceptionally low rate at present in force. The effective service and economy of operation have been largely due to the technical knowledge and well formulated policies of the present superintendent, and the citizens in general have marked their gratitude for his effective labors and admirable administration of the important utilities over which he is placed in charge. The fine new municipal light and water plant, on the shore of Lake Erie, was completed in 1909 and is modern in every particular. The water plant has a capacity for supplying half a million gallons each twenty-four hours, and the intake crib in Lake Erie is 1,300 feet distant from the shore line, all water being filtered at the plant by the most approved modern process, so that the supply is unexcelled in purity by that of any city in the state, as shown by careful scientific tests. The provisions for fire protection are admirable and the stand-pipe or water tower has a capacity of 100,000 gallons—a reserve adequate for a city of much greater population than Huron.

It is scarcely necessary to say that Mr. Britton is a practical engineer of careful scientific and technical training and excellent practical experience. Prior to coming to Huron he had been engaged in mechanical and engineering work for the National Tube Company, at Lorain, and previously he had been for three years in charge of the high heating and power plant of the Ely Realty Company, in the City of Lyria.

Mr. Britton was born at Spencer, Medina County, Ohio, on the 20th of June, 1881, and when he was a lad of thirteen years his parents removed to Huron, so that he was reared to maturity in the fine little city that is now his home. Here he continued his studies in the public schools until his graduation in the high school, when he was sixteen years old, he having been a member of the class of 1907. Thereafter he devoted himself assiduously to the study of mechanics and engineering, and in the furtherance of his technical knowledge he completed a thorough course in stationary engineering in the International Correspondence School at Scranton, Pennsylvania, the most celebrated institution of this kind in the world. Later he took a similar correspondence course in electrical engineering in the American Correspondence School of Chicago, Illinois, and that he has made good use of his acquirements needs no further voucher than his notable success and his official preferment as superintendent of a modern electric and water plant.

Mr. Britton is a son of Erwin E. and Alice (Fenstermaker) Britton, the former of whom was born and reared in Medina County, this state, a scion of a family of Irish lineage, that was founded in that county fully a century ago, John C. Britton, father of Erwin E., having been born in Ireland and having died in Medina county when in the prime of life, his wife, whose maiden name was Phillips and who was of New England stock, having survived him by many years. He was an iron-moulder by trade but eventually turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and became the owner of an excellent farm in Medina County. He was six feet and four inches in height and was noted for his physical prowess—a man of superb strength and vigor.

Erwin E. Britton was graduated in Baldwin College, at Berea, Ohio,

and later was graduated in one of the leading medical institutions of this state. After his marriage he was engaged in the practice of his profession at Spencer, Medina County, until his removal to Huron, Erie County, where he continued his successful practice for a number of years. Doctor Britton is now engaged in active practice at McClure, Henry County, and celebrated in 1915 his sixty-fifth birthday anniversary, his wife being about two years his junior and both being zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has served as a trustee for many years. The doctor is a republican in politics and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Modern Woodmen of America, besides holding membership in the Henry County Medical Society and the Ohio State Medical Society. Of the children the eldest is Wayland S., who is still a bachelor and who is a teacher of bookkeeping in a business college in the City of Columbus, Ohio; John C., of this sketch, was the second child; Mary, who was graduated as a trained nurse, was an attache of the maternity hospital in the City of Toledo and is now doing private work; and Robert, who served four years in the United States navy, the last two years having marked his incumbency of a petit office on the flagship of the fleet that made the voyage around the world, died July 5, 1915.

At Grafton, Lorain County, was solemnized the marriage of John C. Britton to Miss Lydia E. Jones, who was born and reared in that county and who is a daughter of Adelbert and Clara (Miller) Jones, her father having been engaged in the hardware and farm-implement business at Grafton at the time of his death and his widow being still a resident of that village. Mr. and Mrs. Britton have one son, Erwin Adelbert, who was born February 19, 1915. Mrs. Britton is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and her husband attends and supports the same, his political views being indicated by his alignment with the republican party, and he being affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the former of which he is serving, in 1915, as senior warden of Marks Lodge, No. 359, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, at Huron.

Henry P. Schaffer. Though he claims the old Keystone State as the place of his nativity, Mr. Schaffer has been a resident of Ohio from infancy and is a scion of old and honored pioneer families of this state. Since 1890 he has maintained his residence in the fine little City of Huron, Erie County, where, as a building contractor and as a manufacturer, he has gained secure status as one of the representative business men of the county. He is senior member of the firm of Schaffer Brothers, in which his able and valued coadjutor is his younger brother, Frederick J., and they have not only developed a large and substantial business as contractors and builders but are also engaged in the manufacturing of boxes for use in the packing and shipping of fish, the latter enterprise having been founded by them in 1914 and having already become one of most successful order. The manufacturing plant is a building 40 by 80 feet in dimensions, and in its various operations power is furnished by electric motors with an aggregate capacity of twenty-five horse power. The plant includes a modern planing mill equipped with a battery of five saws, and the average daily output of the factory is now 200 boxes. The thriving industry has been developed entirely through the energy, initiative and practical skill of the Schaffer brothers, and they also control a representative business as contractors in the building of houses and other structures, both being excellent mechanics and Frederick J., who is also a practical architect, having the active supervision of the contracting business, the while Henry P. gives the major part of his time and attention to the manufacturing enterprise.

Henry P. Schaffer was born in the City of Meadville, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, on the 14th of March, 1869, and he was one year old when his parents, who had remained in that place only a short time, returned to their old home in Bronson Township, Huron County, Ohio, where he was reared to adult age and where he availed himself fully of the advantages of the excellent public schools. One year after his marriage he came with his young wife to Huron, where he engaged in mechanical work and where by industry and progressiveness he has risen to his present secure vantage-ground as a successful business man and influential and popular citizen.

Mr. Schaffer is a son of Peter and Margaret (Schoenacker) Schaffer, both of whom were born and reared in Huron County, the lineage of both, as the names indicate, being traced back to staunch German origin. With the exception of a brief period of residence in Pennsylvania, they always maintained their home in Huron County, where the death of the father occurred and where his widow still resides. Peter Schaffer became a skilled mechanic, and in addition to becoming a successful contractor and builder he also owned and operated a good farm in his native county. In the early days he found much requisition for his services in the making of coffins, the work having all been done by hand and with punctillious haste after the death of the person for whom the "long and narrow couch" was intended. As a contractor and manufacturer he gave employment to a force of ten men all the year round, and this continued for several years. This sterling citizen died on his homestead farm, in his native township, in the year 1887, and he was one of the well known and highly esteemed citizens of Huron County, his political allegiance having been given to the democratic party and his religious faith having been that of the Catholic Church, of which his widow likewise has been a lifelong communicant.

The parents of Peter Schaffer were natives of Germany, where their marriage was solemnized, and after their immigration to America, the voyage having been made on a sailing vessel and having required sixty days, they became members of a pioneer company of colonists who came from Pennsylvania and settled in Huron County, Ohio. They made the overland journey with wagon and ox teams, in the early '30s, and settled on a tract of heavily timbered land in Bronson Township, Huron County, where they reclaimed a farm and endured the full tension of the strenuous pioneer life. The father died in the prime of his manhood and the mother attained to the remarkable age of ninety-nine years, both having been representatives of staunch old families of Alsace-Lorraine, the territory of which has been disputed by Germany and France and which is now the stage of a most bitter and sanguinary conflict. Mrs. Peter Schaffer, who has attained to the psalmist's span of three score years and ten, is one of the loved pioneer women of Huron County and retains her mental and physical faculties to a wonderful degree, as is indicated by the fact that she personally maintains a general supervision of the old homestead farm. Her parents were members of the same company of German colonists in Huron county as were those of her husband, and both crossed the Atlantic on the same voyage of the same sailing ship. All of the family have held rigorously to the ancestral faith of the Catholic Church and in Huron County the representatives of each have been aligned with the democratic party. Peter and Margaret Schaffer became the parents of seven sons and three daughters, all of whom still survive the honored father and all of whom are married except Frederick J., junior member of the Huron firm of Schaffer Brothers.

At Huron, on the 11th of June, 1899, was solemnized the marriage of Henry P. Schaffer to Miss Bertha Dale, who was born in a home on the lot adjacent to her present place of residence and the date of whose

nativity was June 22, 1876, she being the youngest in a family of one son and seven daughters, the other surviving children being: Elmer, who resides at Milan, this county, and who has two sons and two daughters; and Mary, who is the wife of Peter Roberts, of Toledo. Mrs. Schaffer is a daughter of James and Anna (Murry) Dale, the former of whom was born in Erie County and the latter of whom was nine years of age when she came to this county from her native State of New York, in company with her widowed mother, Mrs. Anna Murry, her father, James Murry, having died shortly before her birth. Mr. and Mrs. Dale became residents of Huron many years ago, and here Mr. Dale died, at his old homestead on Williams Street, July 8, 1905, at the age of seventy-nine years, his widow still remaining in the home endeared to her by the gracious memories of the past and having celebrated her eighty-fifth birthday anniversary in September, 1915. Mr. Dale was long identified with navigation interests on the Great Lakes, having served many years as first mate on lake boats. He was a Presbyterian in religion and his widow likewise is a zealous member of that church. Mr. Dale was one of the valiant soldiers of the Union during virtually the entire period of the Civil war, and after having been severely injured in connection with a wagon accident he was confined in a hospital until he received his honorable discharge, his injury having entirely incapacitated him for further military service and having caused him much suffering in later years. He was a popular member of the post of the Grand Army of the Republic in Huron and was a stalwart republican in his political proclivities. His father, Peter Dale, immigrated to America from England and became a pioneer of Erie County, where he married Miss Anna Brundage, the remainder of their lives having been passed in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Schaffer have no children. They are popular factors in the representative social activities of their home community and both are communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church, as members of the historic old parish of Christ Church.

Mr. Schaffer is a man of well fortified political convictions, is a loyal supporter of the cause of the democratic party, and is essentially vigorous and progressive as a citizen. Since 1910 he has served as clerk of the board of affairs of Erie County, and since 1905 he has been chief of the volunteer fire department of Huron. He is deputy assessor of Huron Township and the Village of Huron, of which position he has been the incumbent since 1913. Since 1908 Mr. Schaffer has been Government inspector for the docks and two light-houses of the Port of Huron, and he had previously served in a similar capacity at Toledo, Lorain and Cleveland.

He is essentially a vital, straightforward and enterprising man of affairs and commands the unqualified esteem of the community in which he maintains his home and in the general welfare of which he takes the deepest interest. Mr. Schaffer is affiliated with the Huron Camp of the Order of American Woodmen and is past banker of the same. He and his wife reside in one of the beautiful modern homes of Huron, the same having been erected by him, on South Williams Street, and it is known as a center of gracious and unostentatious hospitality.

Charles W. Dildine. The chief engineer of the municipal electric-light and waterworks plant of the thriving little City of Huron is one of the valued executives and popular citizens and has been the incumbent of his present position since 1909, his scrupulous attention to all details and careful handling of the important service entrusted to his charge having resulted in the effective upkeep and operation of these important departments of public utility service. As pertinent to his recognition in this publication further interest attaches to his career by reason of

the fact that he is a native of Erie County and a representative of a well known and highly esteemed family of this favored section of the Buckeye State.

Not far distant from his present place of residence in the City of Huron, which was then known as Huronville, Mr. Dildine was born on the 30th of April, 1876, and in the public schools of this place he continued his studies until he had attained to the age of seventeen years, his discipline having thus included the curriculum of the high school. At the age noted he began the theoretical study and also a practical apprenticeship to stationary engineering, and incidentally he had the good judgment to fortify himself by a simultaneous course of technical study in the Scranton Correspondence School, which has a national reputation. From 1905 to 1907 Mr. Dildine served as stationary engineer at the Huron water station of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, and this experience proved of great value to him in fitting him to assume the responsible office of which he is now the incumbent. At the municipal light and water plant he has the supervision of two fine engines of most modern type—one capable of developing 150 horse power and the other seventy horse power. In the handling of the mechanical equipment of the plant he has never encountered an accident to the machinery and has kept the service up to the highest standard of efficiency, his administration of affairs having been loyal and creditable and having inured to the general benefit of the city and its people.

Mr. Dildine is a son of William and Betsey (Wolverton) Dildine, the former of whom was born near the present beautiful little City of Hillsdale, Michigan, on the 2d of July, 1836, and the latter of whom was born in Huron Township, Erie County, Ohio, on the 1st of November, 1850. The lineage of William Dildine traces back to sturdy German stock and the original American representatives of the name settled in Pennsylvania in the colonial era of our national history. In that state the parents of William Dildine were born and that they became pioneer settlers in Michigan is fully indicated by the fact that he himself was born in the Territory of Michigan in the year prior to the admission of the state to the Union.

William Dildine was reared and educated in the Wolverine State and there continued his association with agricultural pursuits until there came to him the call of higher duty, with the breaking out of the Civil war. He promptly manifested his patriotic loyalty by enlisting as a private in Company E, Fourth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and with this gallant command he participated in the first battle of Bull Run, the Battle of the Wilderness, and many other engagements marking the progress of the great internecine conflict. He proved a faithful and valiant soldier of the Union and was fortunate in that he escaped other than nominal wounds and in that he was never captured. He continued with his regiment until the close of the war, his service having covered a period of nearly five years, and after receiving his honorable discharge he returned to his home in Michigan. In later years he vitalized the more gracious memories and associations of his long and honorable military career by his affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic, and he was one of the organizers of Moses Martin Post of this noble organization at Huron; he was for many years one of the most popular and influential comrades of this post and he was its commander at the time of his death, his funeral services being held under the auspices of this patriotic organization.

In Michigan William Dildine continued his residence until 1867, when he came to Erie County and engaged in farming in Huron Township. A year or two later, however, he severed his association with this line of enterprise and turned his attention to the fishing industry, with

which he continued to be identified during the remainder of his active career, his operations having been exclusively in the waters of Lake Erie and excellent success having attended his operations. His death occurred at Fairport, Lake County, on the 8th of July, 1904, and he was well known in navigation circles as well as in Erie and other counties bordering on Lake Erie, his sterling integrity and genial personality having drawn to him troops of staunch friends. He was unfaltering in his allegiance to the republican party and was active and enthusiastic in the promotion of its cause.

At Huron was solemnized the marriage of William Dildine to Miss Betsey Wolverton, and in her native place her death occurred on the 9th of September, 1887. She was a devoted wife and mother, was a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as was also her husband, and her circle of friends was limited only by that of her acquaintances. Mrs. Dildine was a daughter of Charles Wolverton, who was a pioneer of Erie County, where he settled on a farm at Rye Beach, west of the present City of Huron, and on this homestead both he and his wife continued to reside until their death, he having been a native of England, where their marriage was solemnized, and his wife having been born in Scotland. He whose name initiates this article was the second in order of birth in a family of five children, and the first-born, Leonard, is now a resident of the Village of Rocky River, Cuyahoga County; Otis was the next in order of birth; and Cora is deceased, as is probably true in the case of Belle, concerning whom the other members of the family have lost trace.

The year 1900 recorded the marriage of Charles W. Dildine to Mrs. Louisa Macky, who was born and reared in Huron Township and who is a daughter of Alexander and Angeline Gilmore (Paxton) Thompson, both natives of Ohio. Mr. Thompson, who celebrated his eighty-second birthday anniversary in 1915, is living retired in the City of Huron and is one of the well known and honored pioneer citizens of Erie County, his devoted wife having been summoned to the life eternal in June, 1899. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dildine, but Mrs. Dildine became the mother of three children by her first marriage, to George Macky, whose death occurred several years ago. Two of the children died in infancy, and George died in January, 1904, a fine youth of twenty years and one whose friends in his native county were many. Mr. Dildine gives his political allegiance to the republican party, is affiliated with Camp No. 113 of the Woodmen of the World, at Huron, of which he is clerk, and both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Ulysses G. Smith. The proprietor of the Huron Roller Mills, which are thoroughly modern in equipment and control a substantial and representative trade, has literally grown up in the line of industrial enterprise to which he is thus giving his attention, and it is needless to say that he is admirably fortified in both technical knowledge and in practical experience. Mr. Smith not only holds prestige as one of the prominent and successful representatives of the milling business in Erie County and as one of the progressive and influential citizens of the thriving little City of Huron, but he is also a man whose buoyant and genial nature and sterling attributes of character have won for him an impregnable vantage-place in popular confidence and esteem, his coterie of staunch friends being virtually limited only by that of his acquaintances.

The Huron Roller Mills do a general milling business and the principal brand of flour produced is designated the "Sweet Home," its superior excellence having gained to it a wide and appreciative demand throughout Erie and adjoining counties, the product being distinctively

staple and standard. The mills were established about the year 1866, by the firm of Barker & Slack, and after the property passed from the control of this firm it changed hands several times before it came into the possession of the present owner. This pioneer flouring mill, originally equipped with the old-time buhrs, has not fallen behind in the progress of the milling industry, as it has been remodeled from time to time and was finally supplied with the best mechanical facilities and accessories that are now in evidence and that give it high standard. Mr. Smith first became identified with the operations of these mills in 1892, and since 1903 he has been the sole proprietor, many improvements having been made since he assumed control. Power is supplied by an excellent steam plant, and the facilities are such as to obtain the best results in the grinding not only of wheat but also of corn, buckwheat, etc., the capacity of the plant being for the aggregate output of fifty barrels a day. Mr. Smith has stated that he gained his initial experience in the milling business when he was but seven years old, and his long association with this line of enterprise makes him an authority in all details of the same.

Ulysses Grant Smith was born at Lexington, Richland County, Ohio, on the 16th of July, 1863, but moved from there when a mere child and acquired his early education in the common schools of Liberty Township, Hancock County, Ohio, the while he incidentally became familiar with the activities of his father's flour mill, as already intimated in a preceding paragraph, the entire active career of his father having been given to the milling business. Mr. Smith has been personally concerned with his present line of industrial enterprise for the long period of thirty-six years, and from the time he completed his practical term of apprenticeship he has never been found absent from his station of business for a total period of more than three or four months, his energy, ability and close application having been the conservators of his success and advancement and there having been no time at which he could not readily find employment. As a young man Mr. Smith was associated with his father in the operation of the Carland Mills at Findlay, this state, and later they assumed control of the mill at Bloomdale, Wood County, Ohio, from which place he came to Birmingham, Erie County, where the subject of this review was operator of a mill until his removal to Huron, in 1892. He and his father met with considerable loss through a flood which did great damage to the mill which they were operating at Findlay, but both have proved that courage and continued industry will win out in the face of obstacles and financial depression, and it may consistently be said of Mr. Smith that he has never faltered in purpose and never permitted himself to think of defeat or continued misfortune within the realm of possibility.

Leander C. Smith, father of him whose name introduces this review, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, in the year 1835, a member of a family that settled in that county in an early day. As a youth he was engaged in teaching school about seven years, and when the Civil war was precipitated on the nation he tendered his service in defense of the Union by enlisting in a regiment that was recruited largely in his native county. After ninety days of service he was granted an honorable discharge, by reason of physical disability. Thereafter he remained for a time on the farm of one of his brothers, and later he found employment as a general mechanic, at McComb, Hancock County, his natural mechanical ability having made him an effective artisan at the trade of cabinetmaker and engineer and having finally enabled him to become a proficient exponent of the milling business, with which he continued to be closely identified for fully twenty years.

In Wayne County was solemnized the marriage of Leander C. Smith

to Miss Fannie George, daughter of Isaac George, the maiden name of whose wife was Gault, both parents having been born and reared in Pennsylvania and having early established their home on a farm in Wayne County, Ohio; they later removed to Wood county, where the mother died at the age of sixty-six years and where the father passed away at the patriarchal age of ninety-two years, both having been zealous church folk of the highest integrity and honor. Leander C. Smith died at the age of seventy-two years, as the result of an accident; in an attack of vertigo he fell from a porch, his head striking a rock and the skull being crushed, so that he died about two hours later, his widow surviving him about four months and dying when about sixty-eight years of age. They became the parents of seven children, all of whom are still living and all of whom are married and have children. Mr. Smith was a staunch republican and was a man of broad views and superior intellectuality.

At Ashmont, Erie County, was solemnized the marriage of Ulysses G. Smith to Miss Clara Bryant, who was born in Indiana but who was reared to adult age in Erie County, Ohio, where she acquired her education in the public schools and where her parents continued to reside until their death. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children, Helen A., who is, in 1915, a member of the sophomore class in the Huron High School and who is developing exceptional talent as a pianist, and Paul, who was born in 1906, and who is attending the public schools.

Mr. Smith accords unfaltering allegiance to the cause of the republican party, takes a lively interest in public affairs of a local order and has served two years as a member of the City Council of Huron. He was formerly in active affiliation with the Knights of Pythias, and he and his family attend and support the Presbyterian Church.

Miles Lander. Few farms in Erie County have undergone a more complete transformation than that of Miles Lander, located in the northwest corner of Berlin Township. When Miles Lander was born there April 2, 1870, only a portion of the tract of 100 acres was arable, and fields were thickly strewn with stumps. It was his father, the late William C. Lander, who worked this transformation in the landscape and the combined efforts of the Lander family has produced as fine a farm as can be found within the limits of Berlin Township. Miles Lander is one of two sons of the late William C. Lander, grew up and received his education in the public schools of his native township, and his home has always been on what is known as the old Lander Homestead, comprising 100 acres of well managed and productive soil, with excellent drainage, and cultivated with such rotation of crop as to bring out the best possibilities. Mr. Lander grows about fifteen acres of wheat, fifteen to twenty acres of corn, one or two acres of potatoes, and also has crops of oats and considerable meadow land. To the traveler along Rural Route No. 2 out of Huron the farm at once commends itself by reason of its attractive group of buildings. There is a large barn 36 by 96 feet, besides wagon and tool sheds and other structures for the shelter of stock and equipment. The home is a big white two-story eleven-room house, which was built in 1871 by the late William C. Lander.

William C. Lander was born in Hadenham, England, May 28, 1830, being an only son and child, and as an orphan was reared by his grandmother until about nineteen years of age. He then set out for the New World on February 27, 1852, and landed in New York City April 9, 1852. He came on to Akron, Ohio, to visit an uncle, James Lander, spending a year or two in that locality, part of the time employed in a printing office at Akron owned by T. and H. G. Canfield. While there

he helped to set type on an old history of Summit County, Ohio. In 1855 he came to Erie County, and being still poor found employment with Charles W. West in Berlin Township in April of that year. On March 17, 1857, he entered the employ of Mr. William Henry Hine, a prominent citizen and business man, and received a great deal of encouragement from Mr. Hine, who aided him in getting a start. Early in the '60s, acting on the advice of Mr. Hine, who gave him all the time he needed to make his payments, Mr. Lander made his first purchase of thirty acres. Economical and thrifty and with the aid of a capable wife, he soon had the land paid for, and about 1870 sold it and purchased the 100 acres where his son Miles now lives. On this land he wrought with all the industry of which he was capable, laid many rods of tile, constructed the fine large house already mentioned, and not only prospered there but accumulated the surplus which enabled him to secure 100 acres adjoining his first home, now owned and occupied by his son, Charles Lander. William C. Lander died at the old homestead November 10, 1913. He was as good a man as his township possessed in its ranks of citizenship, and was not only a capable home maker but also a man whose influence was good in behalf of religion, morality and all local betterment. He was an independent republican in politics. He was married at the home of William Henry Hine, while he was in Mr. Hine's employ, to Mary Jane Ceas, who was born in New York, July 2, 1830. She also lived for several years in the Hine home before her marriage. She was one of a family of seven children and the daughter of El. Nathen and Eunice (Jackson) Ceas, they having moved from York State while their family of children were small and located at Harper's Corners (now known as Ceylon). She was married to Wm. C. Lander April 27, 1861, and died at the Lander farm October 5, 1883. She was a kind mother and known as a quiet and peace-loving neighbor.

Mr. Miles Lander was married to Miss Anna C. Oetzel, who was born in Oxford Township of Erie County, October 5, 1873. She grew up there and in Milan Township and is the daughter of Justus and Anna B. (Bauereis) Oetzel. Her father was born October 24, 1833, in Hesse-Cassel, and her mother was born March 21, 1836, near Berlin, Germany. They both came to the United States in 1853, the former locating at Sandusky and the latter in Milan Township. In the latter locality on Christmas Day of 1857 they were married. They lived in Milan Village until 1861, and then moved to Oxford Township, in a farm. In 1883 the Oetzel family bought and occupied a farm of 170 acres in Milan Township, and that is still the property of the family. Mrs. Oetzel died there July 16, 1907, and Mr. Oetzel is still living, being now past eighty years of age. He was reared in the faith of the Reformed Church, while his wife was a Lutheran, and after their marriage they both affiliated with the Lutheran Church and reared their children in the same faith. There were seven sons and five daughters in the Oetzel family, four of whom died young, and one daughter has passed away since the death of her mother. Of the seven still living six are married and have children.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Lander are the parents of three children. Barbara Ellen, born September 7, 1900, is now a student in the Berlin Heights High School; William J., born April 6, 1904, is in the sixth grade of the common schools; and Emma E. was born June 2, 1909. Mrs. Lander is a member of the Lutheran Church, and Mr. Lander is independent in politics.

Tallien M. Clock. The publishers of this history of Erie County have been fortunate in enlisting in its preparation the co-operation of Mr. Clock, who is one of the representative newspaper men of the county, a citizen of prominence and influence, of distinctive intellectuality and

great public spirit, and who maintains deep and abiding interest in all that touches his home county. He is editor and publisher of the Erie County Reporter, the only one in the fine little Village of Huron, and under his direction it has been made a most effective exponent of local interests and the generic principles of the republican party. Mr. Clock is a scion of one of the old and honored families of Huron County, within whose borders his paternal grandfather settled at an early day, and the family name has been closely and influentially linked with the annals of this favored section of the historic old Western Reserve, so that it is but natural that the subject of this review should manifest lively interest in the history of the county and have given much study to the same.

As editor and publisher of the Erie County Reporter Mr. Clock is the successor of his honored father, David Clock, by whom the paper was founded under its present title, the first edition having been issued on the 19th of March, 1879, and the founder having continued the publication of the paper for more than a quarter of a century and up to the time of his death, which occurred on the 11th of June, 1905.

David Clock was a man of strong character, broad mentality and well fortified convictions, so that he was admirably equipped for leadership in popular sentiment. As a newspaper man he was vigorous and independent, and his experience in this line of enterprise covered virtually his entire active career. He believed the functions of a newspaper of the order of that which he so long published to be aside from politics of partisan order, and thus he made the Erie County Reporter independent in politics and a vehicle for the expression of his sentiments regarding public affairs without the restrictions of partisan lines. He developed the Reporter into one of the strong and popular publications of Erie County and its representative circulation indicated the popular appreciation of his efforts and of high sterling character as a man and a public-spirited citizen of high civic ideals. He was indefatigable in his efforts to promote the best interests of the community and his paper was made to wield large influence throughout the eastern part of Erie County, a precedence which it fully maintains under the direction of his son. Individually Mr. Clock was a staunch supporter of the principles of the republican party and he was active and influential in its councils in Erie County, where he was a frequent delegate to its county conventions and also to the republican state conventions. When Hon. James G. Blaine was nominated for the presidency Mr. Clock became one of the organizers of the Blaine Club of Huron and was elected president of the same.

David Clock was born at Monroeville, Huron County, in August, 1831, and was a scion of one of the staunch old Holland Dutch families that was founded in the Mohawk Valley of New York about the middle of the eighteenth century, where the name was one of prominence in social and industrial associations for several generations. Timothy Clock, father of David, was the founder of the Ohio branch of the family. Upon his immigration to the Buckeye State he settled in Huron County, he having been a young man at the time and one well fortified for the life of a pioneer. His parents finally joined him in Huron County, and several of his brothers and sisters also came to Ohio, the entire number of children having been sixteen and the family having been remarkable for physical and mental vigor in this, as in preceding and later generations. Timothy Clock and his wife passed the remainder of their lives in Huron County, where he followed the vocation of tanner and currier, his brother who came to Ohio having devoted their attention to agricultural pursuits. In Huron county was solemnized the marriage of Timothy Clock to Miss Phoebe Carr, a representative of a pioneer family of

this section of Ohio and of one that sent forth from Massachusetts its quota of patriot soldiers to render valiant service in the war of the Revolution. Mrs. Phoebe (Carr) Clock was summoned to the life eternal about the year 1873, at the age of seventy-nine years, and the older generation in Huron County recall her as a woman of gentle and gracious personality, both she and her husband having been members of the Presbyterian Church, though the original religious faith of the Clock family was that of the Dutch Reformed Church.

Reared to manhood in Huron County and afforded the advantages of the common schools of the locality and period, David Clock learned in his youth, at Monroeville, the trade of harnessmaker and saddler, at which he became a skilled workman. At Monroeville was solemnized his marriage to Miss Emma Bishop, who was born at Mayville, the judicial center of Chautauqua County, New York, near the head of the beautiful Chautauqua Lake, and who was reared to adult age in her native county, she having been a young woman at the time of the family removal to Ohio. She continued her residence in Erie County until the time of her death and was one of the gentle and revered pioneer women of the county at the time when she was summoned to the life eternal, her death having occurred in the Village of Huron, in November, 1812, and her age at the time having been seventy-seven years. Both she and her husband were earnest members of the Presbyterian Church. They became the parents of three sons and one daughter and the third born, Vernon, died at the age of nine years; Tallien M., of this review, was the first in order of birth; Harvey is a well known citizen of Lorain County and his only child, Tallien M., was named in honor of the subject of this sketch; Mary B. is the wife of Samuel Overhold and they now reside in the City of Seattle, Washington.

Tallien M. Clock was born at Monroeville, Huron County, on the 4th of October, 1857, and his early educational advantages were those afforded in the public schools of that village. In his youth he served a practical apprenticeship to the printer's trade, and after having followed the same for several years in his native county he went to the City of Chicago in 1882 and there found employment as a compositor in the office of the old Chicago Times, of which the erratic but celebrated Wilbur F. Story was then the publisher. After remaining two years in the great western metropolis Mr. Clock returned to Erie County and became associated with his father, who had in the meanwhile retired from the work of his trade and become the founder of the Erie County Reporter, as intimated in a preceding paragraph of this article. In the practical management of the business of the Reporter Tallien M. Clock continued to be his father's valued coadjutor until the death of the latter, in 1905, when he assumed individual control and ownership of the plant and business. He has since continued his effective enterprise as editor and publisher of the Reporter, maintains his newspaper and job-printing plant at an excellent modern standard and has made the Reporter one of the model weekly journals of this section of the Buckeye State, the Reporter being independent in its political policies, as previously intimated.

Though his paper is maintained as a non-partisan publication, this does not imply that Mr. Clock holds a neutral personal attitude in politics, for he accords a staunch allegiance to the republican party and has been active and influential in its local councils and campaign manoeuvers. He has served frequently as delegate to county, state and congressional conventions of his party, but has at no time manifested the proclivities of the so-called offensive partisan. Mr. Clock served six years as clerk of the village board of education, and held for some time the

office of president of the village council of Huron. He succeeded William C. Heyman as mayor, filling out the latter's unexpired term, and then being elected to the office for the regular term of two years, his administration having been signally progressive and having inured greatly to the benefit of Huron. Since 1900 Mr. Clock has held the Government office of collector of the Port of Huron. He is a charter member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and in the same has passed all of the official chairs.

The marriage of Mr. Clock was solemnized at Huron. Mr. Clock's only child is Marian, who is a young woman of culture and marked executive ability. She was graduated in Oberlin College as a member of the class of 1907, and thereafter was an official of the Young Woman's Christian Association in the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for two years, after which she held for some time the position of assistant registrar of her alma mater, Oberlin College. She now has the distinction of being assistant manager of the Ajax-Grube Rubber Company, in the City of Cleveland.

Charles Ebert. Prominent among the stirring, wide-awake business men of Erie County, one who has been the architect of his own fortunes and has succeeded in the development of a large and paying business, is Charles Ebert, who is the proprietor of a wholesale butchering business. He entered upon his career as an agriculturist, gradually added the breeding of live stock to his activities, and finally entered, in a modest way, the butchering business. This latter he has developed to large proportions, and now is doing a very satisfying business within the corporation limits of Huron, on the Bogart Road.

Charles Ebert was born in the City of Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio, Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1876, and is a son of Louis and Catherine (Herbell) Ebert. His parents, natives of New York State and of German parentage, have spent the greater part of their lives in Erie County, where the father has been for some years a successful wholesale butcher and farmer. They now make their home in Oxford Township, where they are well known and highly respected among the people with whom they have lived and labored for many years. The public schools of Oxford Township furnished Charles Ebert with the foundation for his education, and since leaving them he has added to his learning by study, experience and observation. He was brought up on the home farm and secured a knowledge of both farming and butchering, so that at the time of his marriage he was ready to embark upon a career of his own. In 1906 he came to his home farm, located in Huron Township, where he has thirty-eight acres, all under a high state of cultivation, on which he raises the various products of this section. Possessed of progressive ideas, he uses the most modern methods in his work and has demonstrated their value by the excellent results he has attained. In addition to this property, Mr. Ebert has a ninety-five-acre tract in Berlin Township, Erie County, which he purchased in 1914, and which he uses largely for a stock farm. While Mr. Ebert grows a large amount of grain, the greater part of this is fed to the stock that he butchers, for his wholesale trade has grown to large proportions, and he kills about fifty head of stock each week, including sheep and hogs. Both of his properties give evidence of the presence of good management and thrift, and both may boast of substantial and commodious buildings of all kinds. Mr. Ebert is known not only as a skilled agriculturist and excellent judge of cattle and other live stock, but as a business man whose straightforward dealings have won him the confidence of those who have been at various times associated with him. A

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democrat in politics, he is known as one of the influential party men of his locality, and at the present time is rendering capable service as a member of the Town Council of Huron.

Mr. Ebert married Miss Rose Schwenk, who was born at Sandusky May 12, 1878, and was reared and well educated there in the public schools. Her father, Mathias Schwenk, died there some twenty years ago, but her mother still survives and is making her home with her children, aged past sixty years. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ebert: Dorothy E., aged thirteen years, in the eighth grade in the public schools, and a member of the Presbyterian Church; Catherine, who is twelve years old and a scholar in the seventh grade; Virginia E., aged eight years, and attending school; Rosemary, aged six years; and Carl William, the baby, aged one year.

Lewis Kuhl. On the fine farm which is his present place of residence, in Huron Township, Lewis Kuhl was born and reared, and he is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of this county, where his father settled fully seventy years ago and became a factor in the civic and industrial development of this now favored and opulent section of the old Buckeye State. He whose name introduces this sketch has fully maintained the prestige of the name which he bears and is one of the progressive and representative agriculturists and stock-growers of his native county, where he stands exemplar of productive industry, of utmost civic loyalty and of that sterling integrity that ever begets objective confidence and good will. He is one of the honored and influential farmers of Huron Township and is a man who is specially entitled to specific recognition in this history.

On his present farm, which has always been his home and the stage of his well ordered activities, Lewis Kuhl was born on the 31st of March, 1860, and he is a son of Peter and Philipina (Meyer) Kuhl. Peter Kuhl was born in the Kingdom of Hesse-Cassel, Germany, in the year 1817, and his parents passed their entire lives in that section of the great Empire of Germany. In his native place Mr. Kuhl was reared to adult age and in the early '40s, as a young man, he came with his elder brother Henry to America, the two having embarked on a sailing vessel at Bremen, and having landed in the port of New York City after a voyage of five weeks' duration. From the national metropolis they took passage up the Hudson River and finally proceeded by Erie Canal to Buffalo, from which port they crossed Lake Erie and landed at Cleveland, Ohio, which city was then a mere village, where they were importuned to take a farm in what is now the center of the city, but they decided that the land was too rough and too heavily timbered to meet their approval, and so missed an opportunity of which only supernatural prescience could have had recognition. From Cleveland the sturdy young Germans proceeded up Lake Erie to Erie County, and here Henry Kuhl purchased a tract of wild land in Vermilion Township, Erie County at that time having been still an integral part of Huron County. On this original homestead, which he reclaimed and placed under effective cultivation Henry Kuhl and his wife reared their children and there they continued to reside until their death, both having attained to measurably advanced age.

Peter Kuhl, father of the subject of this review, purchased a tract of timbered land in the southern part of Huron Township, and on the present Huron and Milan road, though when he obtained the property public highways were noticeable chiefly for their absence or primitive condition. The zeal and energy which he brought to bear in the reclaiming and improving of his farm soon brought a definite transformation in

the same, and success awarded his herculean labors and indefatigable perseverance. In the midst of a virtual forest wilderness Peter Kuhl felled the trees and made the clearing on which he erected his pioneer log cabin, which was the original domicile of the family,—a home of crude facilities but one of peace and happiness, its hospitality having fully justified the statement that its latchstring was always out. In 1867 Mr. Kuhl gave evidence of his prosperity by erecting on his farm the substantial frame house of seven rooms that is now occupied by his son Lewis and that is in an excellent state of preservation, as it was builded with the scrupulous care that was more in evidence in the pioneer days than at the present time, when pretentiousness often supplants solidity. One of the steadfast and upright citizens and industrious farmers of Erie County, Mr. Kuhl continued to reside in this pleasant home until he was summoned to the life eternal, on the 17th of July, 1876, shortly before attaining to the age of sixty years.

In the year 1845 was here solemnized the marriage of Peter Kuhl to Miss Philipina Meyer, and they began their wedded life in the primitive log house of which mention has been made. Mrs. Kuhl survived her honored husband by a score of years and remained at the old home until she was summoned to eternal rest, on the 1st of May, 1907, at the venerable age of eighty-two years and eleven months. She was born and reared in Baden, Germany, and as a young woman of twenty-one years she came alone to the United States, her arrival in the port of New York City having occurred on her twenty-first birthday anniversary and the sailing vessel on which she had taken passage having consumed forty-nine days in crossing the Atlantic. Coming to Cleveland, Ohio, she was there employed in a domestic capacity for eight months, and she then came to Erie County, where her marriage was solemnized within a comparatively short period after she had formed the acquaintance of Peter Kuhl, to whom she proved a devoted wife and helpmeet,—a woman of gentle and kindly nature and one who was loved by all who came within the sphere of her influence. Mr. and Mrs. Kuhl were earnest members of the Reformed Church, always did their part in supporting those things that conserved the social and material welfare of the community, and in politics Mr. Kuhl was always found aligned as a loyal advocate of the principles of the republican party. These honored pioneer citizens became the parents of three sons and five daughters, all of whom are living except one son and one daughter. Three of the daughters still reside in Erie County and the other daughter is the wife of George Kuhl, their home being at Covington, Kentucky. All of the sons and daughters are married and well established in life.

On his present farm, of which he has been the owner for a number of years, Lewis Kuhl passed the period of his childhood and youth under benignant influences, and he early began to contribute his aid in the work of the place. He has here continued his active association with the great fundamental industries of agriculture and stockgrowing without interruption, and he has proved a specially progressive and successful exponent of these important lines of enterprise. His farm comprises 110 acres of most fertile and productive land and the same is devoted to diversified agriculture, the growing of potatoes and other vegetables and to the raising of excellent grades of livestock, scrupulous care being given in the upkeep of all the farm buildings and thrift and prosperity being in evidence on every side.

Mr. Kuhl has not hedged himself in with mere individual interests but has taken his share in the supporting of all things tending to foster the general welfare of the community. His political allegiance is given without reservation to the republican party and while he has had no ambi-

tion for public office his civic loyalty has caused him to give effective service as school director of his district, a position of which he has been the incumbent since 1899, the while his service as a member of the school board of Huron Township has covered a period of fully half this duration. He and his wife are zealous members of the Presbyterian Church and both are actively identified with Milan Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, in the affairs of which they are specially influential, Mr. Kuhl being steward of this grange in 1915 and his wife holding in the same the office of Pomona.

In Milan Township, this county, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Kuhl to Miss Helen L. Wikel, who was born in that township on the 3d of January, 1863, and who is a daughter of Charles and Helen (Root) Wikel. Mr. Wikel was born and reared in Baden, Germany, and was a young man when he came to America and established his home in Erie County. He became one of the successful farmers of Milan Township, where he passed the remainder of his life. His wife was born in Massachusetts and was reared in the State of New York. Both were consistent communicants of the Lutheran Church. In the concluding paragraph of this article is entered brief record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Kuhl.

Lewis P., Jr., graduated from the Huron High School, class of 1904, and is now his father's valued assistant in the operation of the home farm. He married Winifred Kellar, and they have one child, Paul Edward. Carl W., who is a carpenter by trade and vocation, married Miss Clara Maroney, and they reside in the Village of Huron. They have one child, Jean Ruth. Frederick A., who is employed as a steam-crane operator in the Village of Huron, married Miss Mary Thorne. Albert F., who, like the other children, received the advantages of the public schools of Erie County, was graduated in the Ohio State University, in the City of Columbus, in 1912, and he is now a member of the class of 1917 in the medical department of Western Reserve University, in the City of Cleveland. Elmer, who was graduated in the Huron High School, class of 1912, is now employed in Youngstown, Ohio, as weighmaster and recorder for the Republic Iron and Steel Company's works. Ida R., the youngest of the children, was graduated in the Huron High School as a member of the class of 1915 and remains at the parental home, a popular factor in the social activities of the community.

August H. Scheid. "Cedar Towers," the beautiful rural home of Mr. Scheid and his family, is most attractively situated on his fine landed estate in the southwestern part of Hurton Township, and with Mrs. Scheid as its gracious and popular chatelaine this idyllic home has become a center of most gracious and cultured hospitality, the family being one of special prominence in the representative social activities of this favored section of Erie County. Mr. Scheid is a scion of one of the old and honored German families of this county and has gained foremost rank among the substantial and progressive farmers and stock-growers of this section of the state, the while he is known for his civic loyalty and public spirit and commands the high regard of the people of the county in which he has maintained his home from the time of his birth.

Anton Scheid, grandfather of him whose name initiates this review, was born in the old Duchy of Nassau, now a part of the Province of Hesse-Nassau, Germany, his birth having occurred in the latter part of the eighteenth century and the family having been for many generations one of prominence in that section of the great German Empire. Anton Scheid was reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm in his fatherland and in the same province his wife was born and reared. There

were born their children—Peter, Charles, William, Emma, Nettie and Celia. In 1852 the entire family immigrated to the United States, and the long period of sixty-five days elapsed ere the old-time sailing vessel on which they took passage arrived in the port of New York City. Within a short time after landing on American shores the family came to Ohio, and their original location was at Monroeville, Huron County, in which vicinity the father and his sons were identified with farm operations for the ensuing two years, at the expiration of which removal was made to Erie County. Here the son, William Scheid, purchased a tract of land in Oxford Township, placing it under cultivation. Anton Scheid and his wife passed the remainder of their lives at Pontiac, Huron County, and both attained to advanced age. They were devout communicants of the German Lutheran Church and were folk of strong character and sterling worth, their names meriting enduring place on the roster of the honored pioneers of Huron County. Of their children three are now living and all are residents of Huron County—Charles, Mrs. Janet Heiman, and Mrs. Emma Miller.

William Scheid, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in 1828, was reared and educated in his native land and was a young man of twenty-four years at the time of the family immigration to America, his elder brothers likewise having been bachelors at the time and all of the sons and daughter having married in Ohio, where they reared large families of children. In Erie County, William Scheid wedded Miss Caroline Ohr, who was born in the German Fatherland and who was a young woman when she came with her parents and other members of the family to America, the family home having been established on a pioneer farm in Oxford Township, Erie County, Ohio, in 1855, where her parents died when venerable in years. Of the children only Mrs. Scheid and her sister, Mrs. Brown, are now living.

After their marriage William Scheid and his equally devoted and ambitious young wife began their connubial life on a farm in Oxford Township, their original home having been a pioneer log house, but the passing years having brought to them large and well-merited prosperity, Mr. Scheid having been the owner of a valuable and well-improved landed estate and having been an honored and influential citizen at the time of his death, which occurred on his old homestead in Oxford Township, in 1905, at which time he was seventy-seven years of age. He was a man of indomitable energy and mature judgment and his success was achieved by honest and earnest endeavor as one of the world's productive workers. His political support was given to the democratic party and none has entered more thoroughly into the spirit of American institutions and ideals. He was a consistent communicant of the Lutheran Church, of which his widow has been a devout adherent from the time of her girlhood, she still retaining her residence in Oxford Township and having celebrated her eightieth birthday anniversary in January, 1915. Though her physical powers have waned with the advancing years, she retains her mental alertness unimpaired, is fruitful in interesting reminiscences concerning the early days in Erie County and is one of the revered pioneer women of this section of the state. Of the children the eldest is William, who is one of the representative farmers of Huron Township. He married Miss Catherine Crecelius and they have two sons and two daughters. Emma, the next in order of birth, is the wife of Daniel Heyman, a prosperous farmer in Huron County, and they have two sons and six daughters. August H., of this review, was the next in order of birth. Albert, who is a successful farmer in Oxford Township, married Miss Catherine Gastier, and they have three sons and one daughter. Adolph died in April, 1915. He was on the old homestead

farm in Oxford Township, wedded Miss Ann Kaltenbach, and they had two sons and one daughter. Bertha is the wife of Frank Balduff, a farmer of Oxford Township, and they have one son.

At the old homestead in Oxford Township August H. Scheid was born on the 30th of October, 1866, and while early initiating his association with the practical work of the farm he did not fail to take proper advantages of the educational opportunities afforded him in the public schools, after completing the curriculum of which he took an effective course of study in the Ohio State Normal School at Wauseon and Milan, Ohio. His active and independent career has been one of close and successful identification with the great fundamental industries of agriculture and stockgrowing, of which he has become one of the prominent and substantial representatives and exponents in his native county. In 1902 Mr. Scheid purchased 192½ acres of land in Huron Township, and this exceptionally fertile and productive tract constitutes his present fine homestead, upon which he has made many improvements—all of the best modern order. He erected his splendid farm residence of twelve rooms, modern in architectural design and in all appointments and equipments, and the other buildings on the place are of the best order, including a barn 38x68 feet in lateral dimensions. Everything about this fine rural domain indicates careful management, progressiveness and thrift, and Mr. Scheid and his family may consider themselves signally favored in having for their home so admirable a rural demesne. Nearly the entire farm is available for cultivation. He is essentially a practical farmer, but is ever ready to adopt the most approved scientific methods and machinery in carrying forward the various operations of the farm, so that he makes of success not an accident but a logical result. His progressiveness has been infectious and he has not been self-centered, but rather has done all in his power to further the interests of the farming community, and the civic and industrial prestige of his native county. He was foremost in promoting the organization of the Huron Farmers' Institute, was elected its first president and is now the valued incumbent of this position. He and his wife have been prominent and influential in the work of the Patrons of Husbandry and are numbered among the most active and zealous members of the Huron Grange of this organization, as are they also of the Erie County Farmers' Institute. They are wideawake, loyal and enterprising, and the atmosphere of their beautiful home is that of distinctive culture and refinement.

Mr. Scheid is found aligned as a stalwart advocate of the principles of the democratic party and has given effective service in behalf of its cause. That his popularity in his home township is unequivocal is indicated by the fact that though it is a veritable republican stronghold he is now serving his third term as township trustee. For ten years he has served as a member of the school board of his district, and for seven years of this period he has been its president. He has been an earnest advocate of centralization and consolidation in the affairs of the rural schools, and labored earnestly for this improvement in the educational service fully four years before the state authorities of Ohio began to give the matter active consideration. In his own school district he manifested his initiative, well formed opinions and liberality by individually having constructed a wagon of proper equipment for the transportation of pupils to the school, the service which he thus provided having been extended also into an adjoining district.

In the City of Huron, Mr. Scheid is affiliated with Marks lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, besides holding membership in Milan Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Huron Council, Royal and Select Masters. Mr. Scheid's wife is affiliated with the adjunct Masonic organi-

zation, the Order of the Eastern Star. They hold membership in the Presbyterian Church at Huron and are numbered among the popular and influential members of Huron Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of which he served for a long period as overseer, besides having been an official of the Pomona Grange of the county. Mrs. Scheid has been the popular and efficient incumbent of the office of lecturer of Huron Grange since 1911, and in 1913 had the distinction of being elected to the same office in the general or Pomona Grange of the county, a position of which she continued the incumbent in 1915. She introduced the system of providing printed programs for the important meetings of the Grange and her inspiring influence has done much to vitalize and make interesting and profitable the work of both the Huron and the Pomona Granges. She, as well as her husband, has been active also in the affairs of the Huron Athletic Association, in the organization of which they took a prominent part. In all things pertaining to the advancement of social and general civic interests they are foremost, and to such loyal and enterprising citizens it is due that the life of the farmer and his family is made to vie in attractiveness with that of the metropolitan centers, the best type of the modern farm associations being the most pleasing and benignant of all that can compass intelligent and aspiring people. Mrs. Scheid is a woman of most gracious personality and broad intellectual ken, the quality of leadership in thought and action coming to her as a natural prerogative. She has made numerous contributions to local newspapers and her journalistic correspondence has covered a period of a quarter of a century, the while she has attained to high reputation in the presentation of interesting and valuable papers and addresses before the Patrons of Husbandry and the Farmers' Institutes. She has also devoted much of her time to art, being especially proficient in water colors and china painting. Not only is the Scheid homestead, "Cedar Towers," one of the ideal places of Northern Ohio, but the family also maintain during the heated summer term a beautiful cottage, "Winona Lodge," at Rye Beach, on the shores of Lake Erie and near the City of Huron, this county.

In the year 1895, at the home of the bride's parents, in Perkins Township, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Scheid to Miss Minnie Greiner, who was born in the City of Sandusky, this county, on the 7th of May, 1875, and who was there reared and educated, though in the meanwhile her parents established their home on a farm in Perkins Township. She is a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Weis) Greiner, both natives of Germany, where the former was born in 1833 and the latter in 1832. Henry Greiner was a lad of about fourteen years when, in 1847, he accompanied his parents on their immigration to America, and, proceeding to their destination in Erie County, the parents were attacked with cholera after they had arrived in the City of Cincinnati, and both fell victims to the prevailing epidemic of this dread disease, one having survived the other by less than an hour; both were communicants of the Catholic Church. Henry Greiner was one of the younger members of a large family of children who were thus tragically orphaned, but he was energetic and self-reliant and soon after arriving in Erie County he found employment, by entering the service of a man named Lea, who was a prominent figure in the fishery industry at Sandusky. After continuing this association several years Mr. Greiner engaged in the draying business in Sandusky, and in the meanwhile he had taken unto himself a wife, who proved from the beginning a devoted and versatile helpmeet, as is shown by the fact that with her own hands she laid the foundation for the modest little dwelling which constituted their first real home. Mr. Greiner was a man of energy and ambitious purpose,

and his very nature was such that he could not long remain in obscurity. In Sandusky he eventually sold his original residence property and purchased a tract of vacant land on Monroe Street, that city, between Meigs and Perry streets. He thus became the owner of two blocks of land, and upon the same he erected small houses, which he sold upon easy terms to persons in modest circumstances, thus aiding them in providing homes and proving himself a public benefactor. He later purchased a tract of land opposite the present Soldiers' Home, in Perkins Township, and near the City of Sandusky. There he developed one of the fine farms of Erie County and there he continued to reside until his death, in August, 1900, his loved and devoted wife having been summoned to eternal rest in January, 1897, and she having been a devout communicant of the Reformed Church. Concerning the children of this sterling couple, the following brief data are given: Elizabeth is the wife of August Hoph, of Cleveland, and they have two sons. Lena became the wife of Henry Ritter, whose death occurred in June, 1907, she having passed away in October, 1911. They are survived by three children—Carl, who now holds a responsible business position in the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Helen and Florence, who are loved members of the family circle of Mr. and Mrs. Scheid of this review, Helen having been graduated in the Huron High School as a member of the class of 1915. Henry Greiner, Jr., who is married but has no children, is a prosperous farmer near Monroeville, Huron County.

The concluding paragraph of this article is devoted to brief data concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Scheid: Wayne died at the age of eight years; Lyndon Eric was graduated in the Huron High School in the class of 1915, and Denver Alston is a member of the class of 1918 in the same school; Melbourne Emerson, LaVerne Winona, and Randall Durward are the younger children of the family circle. The pervading kindliness of Mr. and Mrs. Scheid has been shown not only in their gracious care of the children of the latter's deceased brother, but also in their rearing of a foster-daughter, Matilda Miller, who is now, 1915, a young woman of twenty-three years.

Charles Stickreth. An Erie County farm that represents many of the ideals in the way of cultivation, productiveness, arrangement and equipment is that of Charles Stickreth, known as the Sand Ridge Fruit Farm in Florence Township. It is located on the Central Ridge Road in the northern part of the township, and the daily mail delivery comes to his home over Rural Route No. 2 out of Vermilion.

At that location Mr. Stickreth has seventy acres, fifty acres of which are devoted to his diversified enterprise as a farmer and fruit grower, while a valuable feature of the place is twenty acres of timberland. In the general department of farming he grows wheat, corn, oats and potatoes, and his fruit orchard comprises thirty-five hundred trees of all varieties, and he has a considerable acreage in small fruits. Mr. Stickreth has always followed the plan of feeding the crops on his own land and keeps good stock, sheep, cattle, horses and hogs. One of the first buildings to attract attention is the barn, 30x66 feet in foundation, a large red building with white trimmings. It is surrounded by sheds and other buildings, including granary, an ice house which he does not regard as a luxury but as a necessary part of his farm equipment, and a comfortable dwelling of nine rooms. Mr. Stickreth may properly take pride in the fact that he has constructed nearly all the improvements on the farm with the exception of the house. He also has his fields well drained, and the soil is of the best quality.

It was ten years ago that Mr. Stickreth bought this farm, and that was his first venture as an independent farm owner in Erie County.

Since then he has put up the various buildings mentioned, and has brought ten acres under cultivation from its original condition in stump. Most of his life has been spent in Erie County and he was born near Ruggles Corner in Vermilion Township, May 14, 1869, a son of August and Elizabeth (Peters) Stickreth. His father was born in Hesse-Cassel, Germany, in 1839 and his mother was born in Baden in 1845. They were married in Germany and came to the United States in 1867, bringing with them their two children, August, Jr., and Anna. It required forty days to make the trip in the sailing vessel which landed them in New York City, and from there they came on to Vermilion Township in Erie County. August's brother Jacob had located there several years before and in his home August and family lived for three years. He then moved to Birmingham in Florence Township, bought land and occupied it for a time, but then sold and purchased other land in the same township near the county line. This was also sold and he finally purchased sixty acres near Florence village, where he lived until his death in 1909, while his wife passed away in 1913. They were members of the German Reformed Church, and in politics, after he gained citizenship, he became a democrat. Of the children born in this country, Charles was the first, and the other two are Jacob, who died in young manhood, and Emma, who is now a capable trained nurse at Oberlin.

Most of his boyhood Charles Stickreth spent in Florence Township and his education was finished with the local high school. He was married in this township to Miss Minnie M. Jarrett. She was born in Florence Township in 1877, and was educated in the same schools which her husband attended. Her parents were George and Sarah (Mason) Jarrett, the former a native of England and the latter of New York State, and both came to Erie County when quite young and were married in Florence Township. They lived on the old home farm for forty-seven years, and Mr. Jarrett still lives there, his wife having passed away in July, 1913, when about seventy years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Stickreth have two children: Erma, who is now ten years of age and is an invalid; and Mildred L., aged seven and beginning her school career. In politics Mr. Stickreth is a republican.

George I. Baker. A representative of the third generation of the Baker family in Erie County, and the name which he bears has been prominently and worthily connected with the development and progress of the county, where the paternal grandparents of the subject of this review established their home nearly a century ago.

George I. Baker, now one of the progressive farmers and influential and popular citizens of his native township, was born in Florence Township, this county, on the 7th of January, 1880. His paternal grandparents, Jeremiah and Nancy (Burgess) Baker, representatives of sterling colonial families in New England, came from Connecticut to the Ohio Western Reserve of that commonwealth and became pioneer settlers in Erie County. At the northeast corner of the intersecting roads constituting what are locally known at the present time as the Florence Four Corners, in Florence Township, Jeremiah Baker entered claim to a tract of Government land, the greater part of which was marked by the virgin forest. On this tract, comprising 750 acres, this sturdy pioneer established his primitive home in the year 1818, and set to himself the herculean task of reclaiming a farm from the wilderness. Later he erected on his farm a large tavern, which became widely known and a popular stopping place for those who traversed the pioneer roads through this section, the old tavern having been situated at the junction of two of the principal highways through Erie County. This pioneer hostelry provided entertainment for the wayfaring persons and homeseekers and in the

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early days was a center of much social activity in the county, a stopping place for the stage-coaches and provided with a large dance hall and other facilities of excellent order, as gauged by the standards of the locality and period. In the large barn maintained in connection with this pioneer inn it is known that P. T. Barnum, the great showman, found accommodation for his gigantic elephant, "Jumbo," and other animals in the days when his circus traveled through the country with teams and wagons.

Jeremiah Baker brought an appreciable part of his large landed estate under effective cultivation and was known as one of the most liberal and public-spirited, as well as one of the most honored and influential citizens of Erie County. In the early days he became associated with a man named Beebe in the operation of a stage line between Cleveland and the Village of Milan, Erie County, and to provide proper facilities for the stage-coach transportation they felled the heavy timber and constructed a turnpike road over much of the distance between the two points noted. Near Florence Corners he gave three acres of land as a resting-place for the dead, and this was the first cemetery in Florence Township. Mr. Baker and his associate, Mr. Beebe, erected at their own expense the first schoolhouse in the township, and for a number of years they also paid the salary of the teacher in this pioneer scholastic institution. Jeremiah Baker and his wife, both well advanced in years, died about the close of the Civil war and their remains rest in the old-time cemetery which he himself had founded. They became the parents of two sons and five daughters who attained to years of maturity: Jeremiah, Jr., continued his residence in Erie County until his death and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Mary Boyd, who is a resident of Russell, Kansas. George Perry, father of him whose name introduces this review, is more specifically mentioned in appending paragraphs. Georgiana, who resides in the little Village of Florence, this county, is the venerable widow of Alfred Babcock, and her only child, Georgia, died after marriage. Theresa, who became the wife of Alonzo Hinckley, was a resident of the City of Buffalo, New York, at the time of her death and was survived by a large family of children. Mary, who likewise resides in Cleveland, is the widow of George Chandler. Nancy became the wife of a Mr. Spaulding and both were residents of the City of Toledo at the time of their death. The other daughter, Melissa, became the wife of a clergyman named Foote and both are deceased.

George Perry Baker, named in honor of the hero of the Battle of Lake Erie in the War of 1812, Commodore Perry, of whom he was a distant kinsman, was born on the old homestead farm in Florence Township, Erie County, on the 21st of November, 1841, and in his youth he received exceptionally excellent educational advantages, as he prosecuted his studies not only in Oberlin College but also in the celebrated University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. Notwithstanding his high intellectual attainments he was content and proud to continue his allegiance to the great basic industry of agriculture, and he became the owner of 165 acres of the old homestead at Florence Corners, besides which he purchased from one of his two sisters her inherited farm of 185 acres, the latter being now owned and occupied by his son George I., to whom this sketch is dedicated. George P. Baker became one of the most vigorous, prosperous and influential citizens of his native township, his character and mentality well fitting for leadership in popular thought and action and his prominence in the local councils of the republican party having been shown by his service on its township committee, though he manifested naught of ambition for person preferment along the line of public office. Prior to the construction of the present interurban electric line

through Florence Township he had become prominently associated with other influential citizens of the county, including Mr. Lockwood, of Milan, and Mr. Bellamy, of Berlin Township, in the promotion and carrying forward of the important enterprise, but about the time the right of way was obtained for the new line his death occurred, on the 24th of May, 1901. The project was later brought to completion by another company, now known as the Cleveland, Columbus & Southwestern Railway Company. Mr. Baker was a man whose life was ordered upon the highest plane of integrity and honor and he thus commanded at all times the unqualified confidence and esteem of his fellow men, the while his broad mental ken and civic loyalty and progressiveness made him a leader in community affairs.

At Florence was solemnized the marriage of George Perry Baker to Miss Harriet E. Klady, who likewise was born and reared in Erie County, the date of her nativity having been March 14, 1844. She survives her husband, is one of the well known and loved pioneer women of Florence Township and is a zealous member of the Congregational Church at Florence, her only child being George I., whose name introduces this article. Mrs. Baker is a daughter of Isaac and Juliet (Rowland) Klady, descendants of old colonial families of New England, their ancestors having been early settlers in Connecticut. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Klady was solemnized at Mount Morris, New York, in 1835, and within a few years thereafter they came to Erie County, Ohio, and settled in the little Hamlet of Florence, where Mr. Klady established a smithy, he having been a skilled blacksmith and wagonmaker. Here he continued in the work of his trade for many years, and later he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, as the owner of one of the excellent farms in Florence Township. He was originally a whig and later a republican in politics and served for a time as deputy sheriff of Erie County. His death occurred February 6, 1871, and his wife survived him by more than a score of years, she having been summoned to the life eternal on the 16th of September, 1893, when of venerable age; she was a devoted member of the Congregational Church and her husband was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, both having been honored pioneers of Erie County.

On the old homestead farm of his grandfather George I. Baker was reared to adult age; here he received excellent educational advantages, and here, as a citizen and as a progressive and substantial agriculturist and stockgrower, he is well upholding the prestige of a name that has been signally honored in the annals of Erie County history. He now owns the homestead farm of 185 acres, eligibly situated on the State Road and near the Village of Florence. The place is specially well improved, eight acres being devoted to a fine peach orchard, and his attention is given to diversified agriculture and to the raising of excellent grades of horses, cattle, sheep and swine. The permanent improvements on the farm include the attractive house and fine barn 36 by 70 feet in dimensions, with basement and with slate roof. In national politics he gives support to the cause of the republican party, but in local affairs he is independent and exercises his franchise in the upholding of means and measures meeting the approval of his judgment. Both he and his wife attend and support the Congregational Church at Florence, and both are popular in the social activities of their home community.

At Berlin Heights, this county, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Baker to Miss Nina E. Fowler, who was there born and reared and whose education included a course in the high school and also in a business college. She is a daughter of George and Jennie (Blake) Fowler, the former of whom likewise was born in Berlin Township, a representative of a pioneer family of Erie County, and the latter of whom was born

in Huron County, their marriage having been solemnized in Berlin Township. Mr. Fowler, who was a sterling and popular citizen and a staunch republican in politics, died at the age of forty years, and his widow, who eventually contracted a second marriage, still resides at Berlin Heights. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have one child, a winsome little daughter, Frances E., who was born March 4, 1912.

Edward J. Humm was born on the farm he now occupies and operates in Florence Township. It is one mile east of the Town of Florence on the State Road, and is undeniably one of the finest places in the community. Corn, wheat and oats are the favored products of the farm, and blooded Holstein cattle thrive in Mr. Humm's pastures, with fine horses, a goodly number of hogs and a herd of about seventy-five head of sheep to make up the proper complement of livestock for such a place. Mr. Humm is first and last an agriculturist. He is well content to be a prosperous and successful farmer, as well he might be, for no man can boast so great a degree of independence as can a thrifty farming man.

Edward J. Humm was born on October 6, 1867, and is the son of Jacob and Catherine (Roach) Humm, natives of the Canton of Arguile, Switzerland. (See sketch of Robert J. and William Humm for family sketch in detail.) It may be said here briefly that Jacob Humm was the father of seven children by his first marriage, and a similar number by his second. Edward J. Humm was a child of the second marriage, and he was born after the family had settled down to farm life on the place he now owns.

The early fortunes of the family in America were none too bright. After a long and trying voyage of seven weeks they arrived in New York, soon after coming to Ohio and settling in Cleveland. The father had in his possession just seventy-five cents when they reached Cleveland, and they met with a good many adversities in the time they spent there. Jacob Humm found work in the ship yards for a time, earning a wage of fifty cents per day, and the children did what they could to help out. When work in the ship yards ceased, he tramped through the country and worked in the harvest fields to gain a livelihood for the family. In time he found it possible to get possession of a small piece of land in Erie County, and he made haste to get the family out of Cleveland and established in the country. They prospered, and soon Mr. Humm purchased a 100-acre farm at a bargain price, and they began their American farm life amid the stumps of the partially cleared land. All were willing workers, and they prospered with the passing years. In time the place presented a very different appearance to the world, and the father lived to see it one of the finest farms in the township. He replaced the small log house and barn with roomy frame structures and one improvement after another brought up the standard of the place. Here children were born to the parents, and here they were reared and educated in the schools of the community. Here, too, the parents spent their latest days. The father, at the age of eighty-two years, was kicked by a playful horse, and his injuries proved fatal, death coming in the fall of 1894. Five years later his widow followed him to her last rest. These were sturdy and well-meaning people, and their lives meant much in the community wherein they lived. They were widely known and held in the deepest regard wherever they went. The German Reformed Church of Henrietta, Lorain County, gratefully acknowledged their unfailing support, and they were long among its foremost members, while Jacob Humm was a member of its board of trustees for years. He was a democrat in his political faith, though his activities in that field were not especially marked, being content with fulfilling his duty as a citizen and leaving politics to others.

Edward J. Humm was reared on the farm where he was born, and to this place he fell heir on the death of his parents. Already mention has been made of the high character of his farming activitives. He was married to Miss Jennie Algood, who was born in this township on February 22, 1867, the daughter of David and Mary (Rogers) Algood, of Southern birth but residents of this county and township since their marriage. David Algood died on his farm here in November, 1913, when he was sixty-eight years old, and his widow still lives on the old home, aged seventy-six years. Mrs. Humm was a school teacher for eight years prior to her marriage. One daughter has been born to them—Hazel, born August 6, 1895, and a graduate of the Berlin Heights High School, class of 1913. In recent years the health of the wife and mother has not been at the best, and the daughter ably fills the post of housekeeper in the home.

Frank O. King. Since the early pioneer times the King family has taken a notable part in the improvement and development of Erie County, and a grandson of the original settler, Frank O. King, in his generation has shown all the best family characteristics in this regard. He has taken an intelligent and purposeful part in the happenings which have made up the history of Florence Township during the last twenty-five or thirty years, and is just the type of citizen who deserves the dignity and responsibilities of public office. For the past six years Mr. King has held the office of township trustee, and his administration has been one of deeds rather than promises. He is impartial, honest, earnest, and has the faculty of getting things done in behalf of the township as well as in his private affairs. He is a man of independent judgment, and none can question his sincerity of purpose and his real public spirit.

His birthplace was the farm which he now owns, situated on the Middle Ridge Road in Florence Township. He was born there June 20, 1866. His grandfather, Chester King, was a native of Connecticut, married a Connecticut girl, and came in the early days to Ohio, locating on 130 acres of almost wild land in Florence Township. A portion of his original farm has never passed out of the family possession, and is now owned by Mr. Frank O. King. The land is located along Chappell Creek where Chester King and his wife spent their many years of useful toil and activities. He erected one of the first frame houses in the township, as well as other buildings, and the material for these structures all came from lumber sawed and cut on the farm, the mill being turned by the waters of Chappell Creek. Chester King and wife left a family of six children, all of whom are now deceased and all of whom were born, reared and spent their lives in Ohio.

Joseph S. King, father of Frank O., was born on the old homestead, as were also his brothers and sisters, and his own birth occurred in 1837. He died January 30, 1910, having spent all these years on the farm until he retired to Berlin Heights a few years before his death. He was a very successful farmer, and a man of prominence in the township, having served as trustee for a number of years. In politics he was first a whig, as was his father, and later an active republican. Joseph King was first married in Florence Township to Melona Masters, who was born in New York State, and when seven years of age came with her mother to Erie County. She died on the old homestead in 1890 at the age of sixty-two. Her three children were: Charles, who died August 3, 1866, aged thirteen years three days; Mrs. Ella A. Andress, who is noted on other pages, where other interesting particulars concerning the King family can be found; and Frank O.

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who is still living, her home being at Ogontz in Berlin Township. There is a daughter, Margaret, by this marriage, still single.

After the death of his father Frank O. King succeeded to the ownership of the fine old farm which comprises eighty-nine acres of land. It has excellent natural drainage, thus eliminating the necessity of tiling except over a few acres. For many successive years this land has produced all the staple crops grown in Northern Ohio, and probably no farm in Erie County has a record of more intelligent and successful husbandry than this. Mr. King for a number of years has given much attention to fruit growing. The old orchard, of six acres, is now somewhat depleted, but he has nine acres of fine young peach trees. His farm house is one of the best in the township, a large eight-room house, and the other improvements are in keeping.

As already noted, Mr. King has held the office of township trustee for the past six years, and the citizens of that locality testify that the office was never in better hands. He has also been a leader in the Grange and general agricultural uplift of his section, and for a number of years served as a member of the board of education. Like others of the family he is a republican, and he and his wife and daughter are all members of Florence Grange No. 1844, Patrons of Husbandry. He is a past treasurer, while his wife is the present treasurer of that Grange.

Mrs. King's maiden name was Adella Chandler, and she was born in Florence Township and is a woman of education and culture. Her parents were Daniel and Sarah (Belknap) Chandler. Her father was for many years an active farmer, but is now retired, past eighty years of age, and his mind is as keen and bright as in former years. His wife died two years ago, at the age of seventy-five, and also kept her faculties until the end.

Mr. and Mrs. King have two daughters: Pearl L., who was educated in the Florence High School, is now the wife of Edwin Felton, and they live at Florence Corners and have a daughter named Mabel E. Gladys E., the younger daughter, is still at home and a student in the Berlin Heights High School. These children comprise the third generation to be born on one farm, and that is an exceptional tribute to the stability of the King family, and there are not many like cases in the country of the Middle West, where both land and people are new, and almost constant change of residence and activities is the normal features of family life.

Franklin L. Krock. In the year 1894 Mr. Krock succeeded his honored father in the conducting of a well-order and long-established business enterprise in the thriving little City of Huron, and as an undertaker and funeral director he has performed his delicate functions with all of consideration and kindliness and has shown marked business ability and judgment, so that in his chosen field of endeavor he has added to the prestige of a name long identified with this line of enterprise in Erie County, popular appreciation of the effective interposition of the father and sons in directing affairs after loss and bereavement have rendered such service requisite, being shown in the fact that under the supervision of the two there have been laid to rest in Erie County more deceased persons than the entire population of Huron at the present time. Mr. Krock is a graduate and licensed embalmer of authoritative knowledge and practical skill; his establishment is admirably equipped, and has the best of modern facilities, so that it is fortified for the prompt and effective meeting of all demands placed upon it.

In the homestead in which he now resides in Huron, on South Street, near the corner of Williams Street, Mr. Krock was born on the 15th of August, 1855, and to the public schools of his native town he is indebted for his early educational discipline. After attaining to his legal major-

ity he held for four years the position of shipping clerk in the establishment of the Toledo Carriage & Variety Company, of which his brother and brother-in-law were the two interested principals. After remaining thus engaged in the City of Toledo for the period noted, Mr. Krock finally returned to Huron and became associated with the undertaking business of his father, besides having charge of the latter's fine vineyard of ten acres, within the city limits. Since the death of his father, Henry J. Krock, he has successfully continued the business and is virtually the only undertaker and funeral director in Huron.

Henry Joseph Krock was born in a village of the Schlichter District of Hessen, Germany, on the 19th of February, 1817, a scion of sterling German stock. He was a child at the time of his parents' death and was reared in the home of an uncle, who assigned him, when he was a mere boy, to the task of herding cattle, and that under most arduous conditions, as he remained with the cattle not only by day, but usually at night also, so that he was able to go to the family dwelling only at infrequent intervals and was compelled to remain out night after night, often in inclement weather and with clothing saturated by falling rain. This proved a depressing situation for an ambitious and vigorous boy, and finally he was enabled to enter upon an apprenticeship to the cabinetmaker's trade, his educational advantages in the meanwhile having been very limited. It may readily be understood that he hailed with gratification his release from the strenuous work of a herder, and in later years he reverted to his apprenticeship as a cabinetmaker as constituting a happy period of his early life. He became a skilled artisan at his trade and after becoming an independent journeyman he considered himself sufficiently fortified to justify him in taking to himself a wife, in the person of Miss Anna M. Wilhelm, who was born and reared in a neighboring district of Hessen, the date of her nativity having been August 14, 1820. Soon after his marriage, in the year 1840, Henry J. Krock and his brave and devoted young wife severed the ties that bound them to their native land and set forth to seek a home in the United States. The sailing vessel on which they took passage was on the Atlantic for nine weeks before it reached the port of New York City, and from the national metropolis the young couple, as strangers in a strange land, continued their journey westward, by way of the Hudson River, by canal and by vessel on Lake Erie, until they finally disembarked in the City of Toledo, Ohio, where was born their first child. Toledo at that time had few metropolitan pretensions or facilities, and the all-prevalent ague, or chills and fever, so disturbed the Krock family that removal was made within a comparatively short time to the City of Cleveland, where the husband and father found work at his trade in a furniture manufactory conducted by the firm of Vincent & Barstow, which likewise was engaged in the retail trade. In 1842 Mr. Krock came to Erie County and established his residence in the little Village of Huron, where he initiated an independent business as a cabinetmaker, his interposition as a skilled workman being much in requisition in the manufacturing of coffins in the semi-pioneer community, all of the work being done by hand and the manufacturing, as a matter of course, having not been instituted until a death had occurred, the maintaining of pre-manufactured stock in this line having at that early date been looked upon as abhorrent and inconsiderate. Mr. Krock manufactured also substantial and attractive furniture and he eventually developed a substantial business that required the services or four or five assistants. Finally he purchased a large village lot on South Street, and on the same he erected a good frame house and also a cabinet shop, the lathes in the latter having been operated by horse power. It is gratifying to find in this section of the county at the present day numerous evidences

of the mechanical skill of this pioneer business man, in the way of fine old pieces of furniture that have suffered practically no disintegration and represent the sturdiness that typified both social and material conditions in that generation. In various families these ancient articles of furniture of the Krock manufacture are preserved and valued as heirlooms. Mr. Krock was essentially vigorous and progressive and did much to further the development and upbuilding of his home village, in which his name and memory are revered, as are also those of his gentle and noble wife. Mr. Krock became the leading furniture dealer of the locality, and after disposing of this business he gave his attention to his undertaking establishment and his vineyard until the close of his long and useful life. He purchased within the corporate limits a tract of ten acres, on five acres of which he developed an excellent grape vineyard, the products of which he sold for a number of years to wine manufacturers in the State of New York. This worthy citizen, whose life was one of signal integrity and honor and who marked the passing years with successful and worthy achievement, was summoned to the life eternal in July, 1896, about six months prior to the eightieth anniversary of his birth. He was a staunch advocate of the principles of the democratic party, served a number of terms as a member of the village council and one term as mayor after Huron received a charter.

A number of years prior to his death Mr. Krock planned the substantial brick business block that perpetuates his name and stands as a monument to his memory and his civic loyalty. He purchased a lot at the corner of Main and Homan streets, and after his death, in accordance with definite provisions and instructions given in his will, his son, Franklin L., erected on this lot, in 1898, the fine three-story building that is 31 by 85 feet in dimensions and is one of the largest and best business blocks in Huron, he later having added for the accommodation of his own business an addition 18 by 31 feet in dimensions and two stories in height. The devoted wife of Mr. Krock survived him but about two years, her death having occurred in September, 1897, both having been devout communicants of the Catholic Church, in the faith of which they were confirmed prior to their emigration from Germany. Catherine, the eldest of their children, was born in Toledo, as previously noted. She became the wife of Grover Rigby and she is survived by two children, Burton and Mrs. Elias Sumner, both of whom reside in the City of Toledo. William H. and Joseph, the next in order of birth, were born and reared in Huron and both were afforded the advantages of Oberlin College. William H. became a locomotive engineer and continued in service, on different railroads, for a number of years, his life finally being sacrificed in discharge of duty, he having been accidentally scalded by his engine, on the Winona & St. Peter Railroad, Minnesota, on the 4th of March, 1870, and having died nine days later, as a result of his injuries. Joseph became a railway conductor, and after continuing his service for several years as conductor on passenger trains, he abandoned this occupation at the request of his mother, who could not forget the fate of her elder son. For some time thereafter Joseph Krock was engaged in the carriage and novelty business in the City of Toledo, and he then returned to Huron, where he is now living virtually retired. The maiden name of his first wife was Ella Thornton, and she is survived by two chidren, Grace and Jay. For his second wife Joseph Krock wedded Miss Lillian Cook, of Huron, and they have one son, Gerald, now a student in the Huron High School (1915). Carrie, the second daughter of the late Henry J. Krock, died on the 26th of January, 1902. Francis F. and Franklin L. were twins, and the former died at the age of twenty-one years, the latter being the immediate subject of this sketch. Minnie, a popular young woman in

the social activities of Huron, resides in the home of her brother, Franklin L., who has continued in the ranks of eligible bachelors and who with his sister occupies the old homestead of their parents. Both are communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church, as is also their brother Joseph, who has served as a member of the vestry of the church at Huron. Both Joseph and Franklin L. are unwavering in their allegiance to the democratic party, and both have served as members of the City Council of Huron, the subject of this article having been postmaster of Huron four years, under the first administration of President Cleveland. He has served as chairman of the Democratic Committee of Huron Township. He is affiliated with the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and is an active member of the Ohio Association of Embalmers and Funeral Directors, he having been graduated in the Clark School of Embalming, in the City of Cincinnati, and his state license as an embalmer bearing the number 578.

Andrew Schisler. A special page in the History of Erie County should be devoted to the activities and family of Andrew Schisler. They came from Germany, and the founder of the household was in exceedingly poor circumstances when he arrived, but they have since added not a little to the agricultural prosperity of Florence Township, where Andrew Schisler is now one of the most progressive farmers and public spirited citizens.

It was on the old homestead of his father in Florence Township that Andrew Schisler was born June 24, 1867, a son of Paul and Fredericka (Springer) Schisler. Both parents were natives of Hesse Cassel, Germany, where the Springers and Schislers had lived one generation after another for a great many years. Paul Schisler's parents lived and died in the old country, and farming was their regular vocation. Paul adopted another occupation and learned the trade of weaver. Some time after his marriage he left the old country, bringing his wife and their one child, Martin, by sailing vessel from Bremen to New York, spending four weeks on the ocean. On arriving in New York, Paul Schisler found his finances so reduced that he was compelled to leave his wife and child in the care of friends, while he journed on to Ohio, and in Berlin Township found employment with George Peek at Harpers Corners. From his earnings he soon sent for his wife, and continued in the employ of Mr. Peek and of James Douglas in that community for six or seven years. Though he had the responsibilities of providing for a family, he managed by great economy and unremittent toil to accumulate a small amount of capital, which he finally invested in twenty-one acres of land in Florence Township. That land is included in the present farm of his son Andrew. The latter was about a year old when his father located on this farm. Paul Schisler, after buying this land, started in with renewed earnestness to make a home, and was soon spoken of by his neighbors as rising in the scale of prosperity, and this was evidenced by his purchase of more land until he had a farm of 126 acres. At the time of his death, however, his estate comprised but fifty-four acres, he having sold seventy-two acres to his son Martin. This land had been thoroughly developed under his management, and aside from the influence of his personal character and his relations as a neighbor and friend he contributed a great deal to the county through the development of its material resources. His wife died on the old farm in 1898 and he followed some five or six months later. They were then about seventy-eight years of age, and all their lives had been members of the Evangelical Church. Their living children are: Martin, a Florence Township farmer, who married Catherine Eyrick of Amherst, Ohio, and their children are Paul, Martha, John and Frank; Conrad, a merchant at Birmingham,

Erie County, married Catherine Rosenstock; Anna is the wife of Andrew Huttenlocher, of Berlin Heights.

The youngest of the family, Andrew Schisler, grew up on the farm where he now lives, and all his early associations and memories center around that place. He secured his education in the district school at Mason Corners and also had the benefit of instruction at Florence from Job Fish, one of the best known of Erie County's older educators. After reaching manhood he secured fifty-four acres of the old homestead of his father, and has since pursued successful enterprise as a general farmer. His home is a very comfortable place, an eight-room residence painted white with green trimmings, and another substantial improvement is a barn on a foundation 30 by 60 feet.

Mr. Schisler was married in Berlin Township to Miss Mary D. Stephens, who was born and educated in that locality and is the only daughter of David J. Stephens, whose career is mentioned on other pages. Mr. and Mrs. Schisler have two children. Andrew D., born June 25, 1898, has completed the course of the district schools and is now a student in the Berlin Heights High School, while the younger, Catherine P., was born September 28, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Schisler are members of Florence Grange No. 1844, Patrons of Husbandry, and are also active attendants and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, though he was reared in the faith of the Evangelical denomination.

George M. Brooks. The land which George M. Brooks owns and occupies as his home in Florence Township comprises part of the tract which his grandfather Lemuel L. Brooks secured direct from the Government more than ninety years ago. It is therefore one of the oldest farms in continuous ownership in Erie County, and three generations of the Brooks family have used it as the chief source of their livelihood. What was one time a wilderness is now a smiling landscape of fields, and what the pioneers redeemed from the wilderness their descendants are now using and cultivating.

Lemuel L. Brooks, the pioneer, was born in New York State about 1790. He had reached manhood when the War of 1812 broke out, and saw active service as a soldier in that second conflict with Great Britain. A few years after the close of that war, early in 1822, he made a journey out to Northern Ohio, leaving his family behind in New York State, and at that time purchased the land where his grandson George now lives, situated on the line between Berlin and Vermilion townships. This was a part of the Connecticut fire lands, and he secured it direct through the agency of the fire land company. After securing this land he returned to New York State, and in 1825 brought his little family, comprising his wife, his son Lemuel L., Jr., and his daughter Maria out to take possession. After a long and tedious journey they found their new home in the midst of the woods, and started life here in a log cabin. Somewhat later Lemuel L. Brooks moved over to the lake shore near Vermilion, but after three years returned to his first farm. He had made the journey from New York to Ohio with wagon and ox team, and after arriving employed the oxen in the heavy work of breaking the virgin soil. Some years later, while felling trees, a limb fractured his leg and for lack of proper surgical and medical treatment blood poisoning set in, and he died in 1833, when in the prime of his life. Lemuel L. Brooks married Sallie Crampton, who was from Connecticut and of fine old New England stock. Her father had served as a patriot soldier in the War of the Revolution. She was a most generous, lovable woman, well fitted for the responsibilities of pioneer life, and had to go through many trials in keeping her little family together after the premature death of her husband. She died in February, 1872, at the

venerable age of eighty-four years. Both she and her husband were members of the Free Will Baptist Church, and noble people who made religion a part of their daily walk. They reared a family of children to do them honor, including Lemuel L., Jr., Maria, Sallie, Nancy, and Edmund. All these married. Nancy, who became one of the early school teachers in Erie County, and later followed the same profession in Nebraska, died after a record of twenty-five years in educational service. She married when more than forty years old. Lemuel L. Brooks the pioneer was known over a wide stretch of country in Erie County for his upright, rugged honesty, benevolent nature, and his free-handed hospitality in his home. The same qualities descended to his son and namesake Lemuel, and it is not surprising that these early settlers of Erie County did not amass wealth through their operations, though the younger Lemuel was aided in securing a competency through his wife, who was quite frugal and thrifty.

Lemuel L. Brooks, Jr., was born at Geneseo, Livingston County, New York, in 1822, the year that his father secured the tract of wild land in Erie County, and three years later he was brought in the slow moving wagon across the country to the new home. In this journey the family camped by the wayside as night overtook them, and spent several weeks in getting to their destination. During the three years the family lived on the lake shore they suffered greatly from the ague which was then so prevalent in the lower areas, and it was for this reason that they returned to their hill farm. On that farm Lemuel L. Brooks spent his life, and completed and carried forward the improvement in which his father had been engaged when his life was cut short. He was a man of great capacity, a hard worker, and enjoyed a high reputation as a citizen. His death occurred March 13, 1886. In politics he was a republican and in the early militia training days took an active part in the local organization, serving as a drummer in the Vermilion Rifle Company. When the Civil war came on he was past middle age and unable to go to war himself, he gave a hundred dollars to support the cause. He was a man of exemplary habits, much loved and respected, and lived and died in the Christian faith. He was buried in the Old Washburn Cemetery, a burying ground in which one of the very first interments had been the body of his father. Lemuel L. Brooks, Jr., was married in Erie County in Berlin Township to Miss Mary Gordon. She was born in Connecticut in 1827, and died in 1893 in Michigan, but was brought back to Ohio and laid beside her husband. She was of New England ancestry of Scotch origin. Her brother, Gilbert Gordon, served as a soldier in the Fifty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and having been captured in one of the battles in which his regiment was engaged was confined for nine months in the notorious Libby Prison at Richmond, Virginia, and came out so nearly starved that he tottered as he walked. However, he brought out of prison $150 which he had kept in his belt all the time. He is now living at Fremont, Ohio, and is eighty years of age.

George M. Brooks is the youngest in a family of four children. The oldest, Byron, lives in Michigan, where he is a farmer and is married and has five children. Burr is a farmer in Vermilion Township, lost his wife in 1915, and has a family of eight children. Ida is the wife of James Waugh, now a farmer in Lapere County, Michigan, and has two daughters and one son.

On the old Brooks homestead where his brothers and sister were also born, George M. Brooks first saw the light of day December 10, 1860. He grew upon the farm, and by purchase and inheritance now has forty-four acres of the homestead and has it improved much beyond the average standard of Erie County rural homes. In 1915 he erected a modern residence of eight rooms with all the facilities and improvements.

including bath room, furnace, and acetylene lighting plant. He also has a good new barn and other equipment necessary for adequate farming. For a number of years Mr. Brooks conducted business chiefly as a gardener, selling his product to city markets.

At Florence Mr. Brooks married Miss Emma Grobe. She was born in Florence Township September 12, 1864, and was of German parents, a daughter of Mathew and Christina Grobe, who came from Germany when young people and located in Cleveland, Ohio. In Florence Township they spent the rest of their lives. Her father died at the age of eighty and her mother when past seventy-five. They were thrifty farmers and reared a family of children as follows: Mary, Henry, Elizabeth, Emma and Anna. By a former marriage Mr. Grobe became the father of two children, Matthias and Sophia. Mrs. Brooks' parents were active members of the German Methodist Church, and her father was a republican and strong temperance worker. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks attend the Methodist Church and in politics he is a republican.

Christian Sprankel. Erie County has been signally favored in the personnel of its citizens of German birth or extraction, and from this source has had much to gain and nothing to lose. The German contingent in the county has been one of very appreciable order, and its representatives have not only stood exponent of the most loyal and useful citizenship but have also been specially prominent and influential in the development and furthering of the agricultural resources of the county, within whose borders are found today many substantial citizens and representative farmers who are of the second and third generations of the respective families in this favored section of the Buckeye State.

He whose name initiates this review is one of the enterprising and prosperous agriculturists and stockraisers of Berlin Township and has been a resident of Erie County from the time of his birth, his father having established a residence in this county fully half a century ago, and within a few years after immigration from his German Fatherland. Christian Sprankel was born in Huron Township on the 9th of August, 1869, and is a son of Henry and Edith (Zeller) Sprankel, both natives of Germany, where the former was born, in Hesse-Cassel, on the 2d of July, 1832, and the latter, in the Province of Baden, in the year 1839. Both passed the closing years of their lives in Milan Township, Erie County, where Mrs. Sprankel died December 23, 1884, her husband having survived her by a quarter of a century and having been nearly eighty years of age at the time of his death, which occurred on the 28th of October, 1910. Henry Sprankel and his wife were both of the staunchest German lineage and both exemplified throughout their lives the admirable characteristics of the race from which they were sprung, the while they entered fully and loyally into the spirit of American institutions and customs and were deeply appreciative of the manifold advantages of the land of their adoption.

Henry Sprankel was reared and educated in his native land and was a young man of energy, ambition and sterling integrity of purpose when he severed the home ties and came to the United States to gain independence and success if these ends were to be accomplished through the earnest application of his ability and industry. In the early '50s he made the voyage to America on one of the old-time sailing vessels, and he was on the ocean somewhat more than seven weeks before the boat reached its destination in the port of New York City, whence the young immigrant soon made his way to Cleveland, Ohio, in which place he arrived in the rigorous winter and with his financial resources utterly exhausted. In making his way about the city and its vicinity in search of employment he encountered such exposure that both of his feet were

severely frozen, so that his problem in making his way as a stranger in a strange land began to assume a formidable aspect. He was finally taken into the home of a kindly German carpenter named Meyers, and was accorded all consideration and care during his period of incapacity, while he was waiting for his feet to recover their usefulness. Mr. Meyers then gave him employment at the nominal but greatly appreciated stipend of $5 a month, his board also being furnished, and about two years elapsed ere his employer was able to pay him his wages in full. Mr. Meyers eventually became a man of influence, and he always continued to manifest a deep interest in his former protege, as did also his sons, who in many ways showed his friendship for Mr. Sprankel.

After the lapse of a few years Mr. Sprankel made his way to Sandusky County and finally into Huron County, where he met and married Miss Edith Zeller, a daughter of John and Mary Zeller, who were then living near Weavers Corners, that county, but who later came to Huron Township, Erie County, where they maintained their home for many years, Mr. Zeller having long survived his wife and having been a resident of that township at the time of his death, which occurred when he was eighty-four years of age. Mrs. Sprankel was a girl at the time when she accompanied her parents on their immigration from Germany to the United States.

For a few years after his marriage Henry Sprankel and his wife continued their residence near Weavers Corners for a few years, and they then established their home on the old Sage Farm, in Huron Township, Erie County, where they remained nine years. Mr. Sprankel then purchased a farm of sixty-five acres in Milan Township, where he became definitely successful in his vigorous operations as an agriculturist and stockgrower and where both he and his wife passed the residue of their lives, both having been zealous communicants of the Lutheran Church and having shown devotion in the early days by regularly attending church services. In her girlhood days Mrs. Sprankel was compelled to go some distance from home to accomplish this and to make the journey to and from with a cumbersome vehicle and a slow-moving ox team. Mr. Sprankel was liberal and loyal as a citizen, was a staunch supporter of the cause of the democratic party and was called upon to serve in various local offices of public trust, his uprightness and his mature judgment having gained to him the inviolable esteem and good will of his fellow men and his entire life having been one of signal usefulness and honor. Of the children, Christian, the immediate subject of this sketch, was the fourth in order of birth, seven sons and three daughters having been reared to maturity and all of the number still surviving the parents —all married and well established in life. The father ultimately contracted a second marriage, when he wedded Miss Elizabeth Schuster, who likewise was born in Germany and who still remains on the old homestead farm in Milan Township, two sons of this second marriage still surviving the father.

Christian Sprankel was born in Huron Township, as already noted, and was about one year of age at the time of his parents' removal to Milan Township, in 1870. There he was reared to adult age under the conditions and influences of the old homestead farm, and in the meanwhile he duly profited by the advantages afforded in the public schools. He has never abated his liking for and allegiance to the fundamental and independent vocation of farming, and his present status shows that he has effectively directed his energies toward the goal of success. He finally purchased his present fine homestead farm in Berlin Township, which comprises 100 acres of fertile land of remarkable integrity in productiveness, and which is a part of the once extensive landed estate of the Peeke family. It is eligibly situated in Berlin Township, one mile

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south of Ceylon Junction, and the permanent improvements on the place are of exceptionally excellent type, including a substantial and commodious brick house, two large barns and a modern granary. In addition to his successful operations in the line of diversified agriculture Mr. Sprankel has given special attention to the breeding and raising of excellent grades of livestock, his cattle being principally of the Durham breed and including the valuable registered bull designated by the name of "Peter." Mr. Sprankel also raises good horses and swine and his various forage crops are virtually used in entirety for the feeding of stock raised on the farm. Like many other enterprising farmers of the county Mr. Sprankel has been very successful in the raising of potatoes upon a somewhat extensive scale, and of this product he has taken as high an average as 3,000 bushels from a tract of twelve acres. He is a thorough, practical and progressive farmer and both he and his wife take lively interest in community affairs, he being an independent in politics and a communicant of the Lutheran Church, and Mrs. Sprankel holding the faith in which she was reared, that of the Reformed Church.

In Berlin Township was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Sprankel to Miss Anna Knott, who was born in this township on the 13th of September, 1871, and who was here reared and educated. She is a daughter of Henry and Martha (Schildt) Knott, who were born and reared in Hesse-Cassel, Germany, where their marriage was solemnized, soon after which important event in their lives they came to the United States and established their home in Erie County. They first located in Vermilion Township and later removed to Berlin Township, where they still reside on their well improved farm, which is not far distant from the homestead place of Mr. and Mrs. Sprankel, the latter having seven children, whose names, with respective ages in 1915, are here indicated, all of the children being still at the parental home: Walter H., twenty years; Roy E., sixteen; Sidney L., fourteen; Raymond E., twelve; Elmer L., eleven; Edith L., eight; and Nelson M., five.

Peter Reighley. Shortly after the close of the War of 1812 George Reighley, grandfather of him whose name introduces this paragraph, settled in Norton Township, Summit County, Ohio, and thus the family name has been identified with the history of the Buckeye State for more than a century. George Reighley further merits distinction in the pages of Ohio history, for he had previously served through this commonwealth as a gallant soldier in the War of 1812, in which he endured the full tension of the hazardous and arduous campaign activities in a country that was a virtual wilderness and in which the military contests were rendered the more formidable by reason of the support given to the enemy by the Indians. George Reighley was a native of Pennsylvania and was a representative of that commonwealth in the second conflict between the United States and England. His parents were natives of Germany and early settlers of Pennsylvania, where they continued to reside until their death, the father having there devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits.

After the close of the War of 1812, George Reighley, a sturdy and patriotic veteran of that conflict, in company with his wife and their one son, John, who was born in Pennsylvania in March, 1812, settled in the midst of the forest wilds of Norton Township, Summit County, Ohio, where he reclaimed and improved a good farm and where his energy and well ordered endeavors enabled him to accumulate eventually a competency of fully $20,000—a substantial fortune, as gauged by the standards of the locality and period. On the old homestead his wife died at the age of seventy years, and he thereafter resided in the home of his son Peter, near Plymouth, Marshall County, Indiana, until his

death, at the age of seventy-five years, his name meriting enduring place on the roll of the honored pioneers of Ohio and on the roster of the gallant soldiers of the War of 1812. He had but fifty cents to represent his cash capital when he established his home in Ohio, and his success in the accumulation of a fortune was due entirely to his own ability and efforts. He was a staunch advocate of the cause of the democratic party and his wife was a zealous member of the German Reformed Church.

John Reighley, eldest of the children and father of him to whom this sketch is dedicated, was a child at the time when the family home was established on the pioneer farm in Summit County, where he was reared to adult age and where his educational advantages were necessarily limited to those afforded in the primitive schools of the locality. At the age of eighteen years he entered upon an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade and incidentally also that of cabinetmaker. After the completion of a thorough apprenticeship that had made him a skilled artisan in these lines, he worked as a journeyman and contractor in his home county for several years and then removed to Doylestown, Wayne County, where he engaged in the manufacturing of furniture in an independent way, all work having been done by hand and being of the most substantial order. In his little establishment he also manufactured by hand the coffins that were used in the community and that were usually made to order after deaths had occurred. The first bureau which he turned out was made for use in his own home, the same being of solid cherry wood and being still retained in the possession of the family—unimpaired by the ravages of time and standing in evidence of the honest and thorough work that characterized such manufacturing in the early days. After remaining at Doylestown for a number of years John Reighley returned to the old homestead farm, which had been devised to him by his father, and there he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1856. He had four brothers: George, William, Benjamin and Peter, the family circle having had no daughters, and all of the brothers except Benjamin married and reared children. Peter died in Indiana; George at Chilton, Marshall County, Wisconsin; Benjamin in Norton Township, Summit County, Ohio; and it is supposed that William was killed in California, to which state he made his way at the time of the gold excitement and in which he had accumulated an appreciable fortune.

In Clinton Township, Summit County, Ohio, was solemnized the marriage of John Reighley to Miss Rachel Greenhoe, who was born in that county in 1816, her parents having been pioneers of that section, where they settled upon their immigration from their native State of Pennsylvania. The father of Mrs. Reighley owned and developed a large farm in Summit County, and on the same he developed two coal mines, besides which he also erected and operated a distillery on his farm. Late in life he purchased for his large family of sons and daughters a good farm, and he and his wife passed their declining years in Liverpool Township, Medina County, where several of their children had thus been established. Both were somewhat more than eighty years old at time of death.

John Reighley was about forty-four years of age at the time of his death and his widow subsequently became the wife of John Young, and she was a resident of Erie County at the time of her death, when about sixty years of age. Mr. Young long survived her and attained to the patriarchal age of ninety-two years, the closing period of his life having been passed at Wellington, Lorain County, one son having been born of his marriage to Mrs. Rachel Greenhoe Reighley. By her first marriage Mrs. Young became the mother of seven children, five of whom married and reared children, Peter, of this review, being the only surviving son, and the other two surviving children being Mary, who is the

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widow of George Whitman and who resides at Carson City, Montcalm County, Michigan, she being the mother of three sons and one daughter, all of whom are married; Amanda, the younger of the two surviving sisters of Mr. Reighley, is the wife of Henry Akers, of Vermilion Township, Erie County, and they have one son, Arthur.

Peter Reighley was born in Wayne County, Ohio, on the 31st of July, 1842, and there received his early educational discipline, which was supplemented by his attending the common schools after the return of the family to the old homestead farm of his grandfather, in Norton Township, Summit County. He was about thirteen years old at the time of his father's death and after his mother's second marriage he accompanied her to Lorain County, his filial care and solicitude continuing until she passed to the life eternal. After her death he purchased a home in Lorain County, where he continued his residence for more than thirty years. In 1907 he purchased seventeen acres of land in Florence Township, Erie County, adjacent to the Lorain County line, and here he is successfully engaged in the raising of apples, peaches and other varieties of fruit, his fine little place having been developed into one of the admirable fruit farms of this section of the state. The family residence is a commodious and attractive house of nine rooms and it is equipped with the best of modern improvements and facilities, including natural gas, furnace, water service, bath room, etc. This pleasant rural home is eligibly situated on the state road and within a short distance of the Village of Birmingham, and Mr. Reighley and his family are well known and enjoy marked popularity in this favored section of his native state.

In Camden Township, Lorain County, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Reighley to Miss Locisco Harley, who was born at Lexington, Kentucky, on the 29th of April, 1848, and who was a girl at the time of the family removal to Ohio, where she was reared and educated. Mrs. Reighley is a daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (White) Harley, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in the State of Virginia, to which commonwealth Mr. Harley came upon his immigration from his native land, his marriage having been solemnized in the historic Old Dominion, whence he removed with his wife to Kentucky and later they established their home in Lorain County, Ohio. He followed his trade of shoemaker for many years and died in Lorain County, at the age of sixty-five years, his widow passing the closing period of her life in Tennessee, where she died at the age of seventy-eight years.

In conclusion is entered brief record concerning the three children of Mr. and Mrs. Reighley: Virginia E., who was born July 23, 1867, is the wife of Clarence Higgins, factory superintendent for the Western Automatic Machine Company, at Elyria, Lorain County, and they have six sons, Ellis, Lewis, Harley, Carroll, Orlo and Wendell, all of whom are well educated and now self-supporting. Rinaldo, who was born in March, 1870, holds a responsible executive position in the City of Oberlin. He wedded Miss Ida Bailey and they have two sons and five daughters, Hollis, Irving, Floy, Grace, Virgie, Ruth and Lucille. Carl Deloss, the youngest of the three children, was born in the year 1878, and is now foreman over more than 200 men in the manufactory of the Western Automatic Machine Company, at Elyria. He married Miss Ida Portman and they have one daughter, Margaret L.

John W. Boss, M. D. In the county and township that have represented his home from the time he was a child of two years it has been given Doctor Boss to achieve success, prestige and unequivocal popularity as one of the able and progressive physicians and surgeons of Erie County and also as a loyal and public-spirited citizen. He is established in the practice of his profession in the Village of Birmingham,

Florence Township, and is prominent and influential in communal affairs aside from his earnest and effective service in his professional capacity.

The public schools of Vermilion Township afforded to Doctor Boss his early educational advantages, and after his completion of a course of study in the high school at Vermilion he was matriculated in Oberlin College, in which institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1894 and from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For a period of four years after his graduation the doctor was a successful and popular teacher in the public schools at Vermilion, where also he initiated the study of anatomy and kindred subjects, under the direction of Dr. William F. Beck, this work having been taken up as a preliminary to the attaining of his ambition, which was to enter the medical profession. Finally he entered Western Reserve Medical College, in the City of Cleveland, where he applied himself with characteristic vigor and earnestness until his completion of the prescribed curriculum. He was graduated in 1902, and soon after thus receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine he established himself in practice at Birmingham, having previously gained valuable experience through a period of service as interne in Lakeside Hospital, in the City of Cleveland. Close application, admirable technical ability and personal popularity soon enabled Doctor Boss to develop a substantial practice, and the same has become one of broad and representative order. He has not permitted himself to lapse in the least in the matter of keeping in close touch with the advances made in medical and surgical science and in addition to availing himself of its best standard and periodical literature he has taken two effective post-graduate courses in the celebrated New York Post Graduate Medical School and Hospital. The doctor holds membership in the American Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Society and the Erie County Medical Society. His practice now extends into three different counties and his success in the work of his profession is the best voucher for his ability and his unflagging devotion to the work of his humane vocation.

Doctor Boss was born at Altamont, Effingham County, Illinois, on the 2d of July, 1870, and is a son of Capt. John H. and Ermina (Sherod) Boss, the former of whom was born in New York State, the latter in Ohio.

Capt. John H. Boss was a student in Oberlin College at the inception of the Civil war and his youthful patriotism was forthwith shown by his enlistment in Company E, Fifty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served about four years, his gallantry and tactical ability bringing to him promotion to the office of captain of his company. He took part in many important engagements marking the progress of the great conflict between the states of the North and the South, including the second battle of Bull Run, and the battles of the Wilderness, Gettysburg, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. He participated in the Atlanta campaign and was with Sherman's forces on the ever memorable march from Atlanta to the sea. He received no serious wound and was never captured during his long period of valiant service as a soldier of the Union, and after the final surrender of the great Confederate leaders, Generals Lee and Johnston, he took part in the Grand Review of the victorious but jaded troops in the City of Washington. After receiving his honorable discharge Captain Boss resumed his studies in Oberlin College. In 1864, while on a furlough, Captain Boss wedded Miss Ermina Sherod, who was born in Vermilion Township, Erie County, on the 16th of June, 1842, a representative of an honored pioneer family of the county, her mother having been of German lineage and her father a member of a family early founded in America. After the close of the

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war Captain Boss and his young wife established their home on a farm in Effingham County, Illinois, and there his death occurred on the 14th of June, 1872, when he was in the prime of his young manhood. Within a short time after the death of Captain Boss his widow returned to Vermilion, Erie County, in company with her two little children, and for many years thereafter she was a successful and popular teacher in the public schools of her native county, where her memory is revered by all who came within the sphere of her gracious influence. She passed to the life eternal in February, 1907, a noble woman of fine talent and one who had made her life a veritable beautitude. She became a member of the Congregational Church in 1873 and thereafter was zealous in its work until the time of her death. Of the two children the doctor is the younger, and his sister, Miss Carrie I. Boss, still resides in the old family homestead in the Village of Vermilion.

Doctor Boss is a republican in his political allegiance and is a vital and progressive citizen who takes deep interest in all that touches the welfare of the community. He is president of the Birmingham board of education, and is president of the board of trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of this village, of which both he and his wife are zealous members. He is a director of the Berlin Heights Banking Company and is vice president and director of the Ohio Road Machinery Company, of Oberlin.

In the year 1904, at Elyria, Ohio, was solemnized the marriage of Doctor Boss to Miss Mabel MacClenathan, who was born at Goshen, Indiana, on the 14th of August, 1877, and who received her education in the schools of her native place and those of the City of Topeka, Kansas, where she resided for some time in the home of one of her sisters. Her father, William A. MacClenathan, who formerly followed the trade and vocation of millwright, now resides at Galion, Crawford County, Ohio. His first wife died when her daughter, Mabel (Mrs. Boss), was a child of five years. Doctor and Mrs. Boss have two children, Lucile I., who was born June 20, 1906, and John W., Jr., who was born March 6, 1910. It may be noted that Doctor Boss is manager of the Birmingham Community News, an attractive little weekly paper that was established in 1913 and that is issued "in the interest of church, school and other community activities." The beautiful home of Doctor and Mrs. Boss is known for its gracious hospitality and one of its most attractive features is the fine library that has been collected by the doctor and that is conceded to be one of the best private libraries in the eastern part of Erie County.

E. J. Darby. In his native county, which has been his place of residence from the time of his birth to the present, Mr. Darby has not only been a successful exponent of the basic industry of agriculture but in the last decade he has also given special attention to the raising of apples. Realizing the imperative necessity of bringing to bear scientific methods and scrupulous care in the propagation of apples and other fruits, as well as in the achieving maximum returns along other horticultural lines, Mr. Darby has been indefatigable in his study, research and experimenting, and has so applied his authoritative knowledge as to achieve unqualified success and gain high prestige as one of the representative fruit-growers of this section of the state. Though he propagates other fruits, he is known as a specialist in the growing of apples, and his products have been brought up to the highest standard, so that the same invariably command the highest market prices, Cleveland being his principal place of shipment.

On his well improved farm of 160 acres, in Florence Township, Mr. Darby has a model apple orchard of thirty-five acres, and in addition to this he leases another orchard, of twelve acres, which likewise has been

brought up to a high state of productivity under his effective management. Mr. Darby is a broad-gauged, progressive and loyal citizen, is a recognized authority in fruit-culture, and he merits also special distinction by reason of the enthusiastic service he has given in connection with the organization and development of the local organization of the Boy Scouts, of which he is master and in the furthering of the interests and work of which he has been unsparing in his time, thought and service, animated by an earnest desire to aid in the rearing of manly boys and the encouraging of the youngsters in the cultivation and observance of high ideals. Mr. Darby's unselfish zeal in this connection is the more praiseworthy when consideration is taken of the fact that he has no children of his own.

From his splendidly thrifty orchards Mr. Darby has received an average annual yield of 3,000 barrels. He specialized in the raising of the Baldwin type of apples, which he finds best suited to the soil and climate, and of this ever popular variety he produces the finest grades. From his orchard of thirty-five acres on his homestead place he received gross returns to the amount of $10,000 in the season of 1913, and the yield for the season of 1915 gives ever promise of rendering far better returns. Mr. Darby sprays the trees four or five times each season, as circumstances and judgment dictate, and he has devised a system of wiring his trees by a method that affords support to the heavily laden branches in much more effective way than by the old method of placing props under the branches. After careful experimentation in the three systems of cultivating the ground about the trees, the insertion of mulching, and the retention of the sod, he has found most successful the first two mentioned, and utilizing the same, he gives as careful supervision to his orchards as the average farmer does to the details of agricultural industry under modern conditions. Mr. Darby has, as previously noted, been a close student of fruit culture during the past ten years, but he has devoted his attention to apple-growing as a special business only since 1912. His well improved farm, including his orchard of thirty-five acres, is most eligibly situated in the forks of the two branches of the Vermilion River, and his leased orchard of twelve acres is in the same vicinity. On the opposite side of the Vermilion River Mr. Darby has twelve acres, on which is situated his attractive residence, in the midst of a veritable park of fine native trees, and this place is directly across the river from the Village of Birmingham, which is his postoffice address.

Mr. Darby is liberal and public-spirited in his civic attitude, he is a staunch republican in his political allegiance, and both he and his wife attend the Methodist Episcopal Church at Birmingham. For a number of years he was an active and influential member of the local grange of the Patrons of Husbandy, and he served most effectively as master of the same. He was one of the most zealous and influential factors in bringing about the organization of the local troop of Boy Scouts, which now has a membership roll of thirty-two loyal young lads, with a well trained band of twenty-two pieces. As master of the Boy Scouts Mr. Darby gives much time and thought to the instruction and entertaining of the boys, in the instilling of manly principles, cleanness of mind and high ideals, and in his various maneuvering excursions with his sturdy young scouts he does all in his power to promote in the boys a love of nature and a desire to study and have "communion with her visible forms," so that proper thoughts and motives may be acquired by the youngsters and the critical and formative period of their character-building.

Mr. Darby was born in Berlin Township, this county, on the 29th of April, 1862, and was there reared to adult age, his early educational advantages having been those of the local schools and his first instructor

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having been Mrs. James Anderson, a well known and greatly loved educator of that period in the county's history. From his youth onward until he turned his attention to fruit-growing, Mr. Darby was actively identified with agricultural pursuits in his native county, and his success has been the result of his own ability and well ordered endeavors. He is a son of Sylvester and Elzina (Beach) Darby, the former of whom was born in the State of New York and the latter in Ohio, their marriage having been solemnized in Erie County, this state. Sylvester Darby was long identified with the operation of the Bailey stone quarries, at Berlin Heights, and he continued his labors in this connection until the time of his death, which occurred when he was fifty-seven years of age. His wife likewise died at Berlin Heights, and she was forty years of age at the time of her demise: both were consistent members of the Baptist Church and he was a republican in his political proclivities. They became the parents of two sons and three daughters, all of whom are living except one daughter, the subject of this review having been the third in order of birth.

In Florence Township, this county, was solemnized the marriage of E. J. Darby to Mrs. Belle (Rowland) Carter, who was born in the State of Iowa and who was seven years of age at the time of the family removal to Erie County, where her father engaged in farming. She is a daughter of James and Jane (Andress) Rowland, both of whom continued their residence in this county until their death, the father having passed away at the age of eighty-three and the mother at seventy-nine years of age and both having been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Darby have no children, but by her first marriage Mrs. Darby has one daughter, Miss Jennie M. Carter, who remains at the parental home. She was afforded excellent educational advantages, including a thorough course in the business department of Oberlin College, and for nine years she was engaged in teaching in the public schools, as a successful and popular representative of the pedagogic profession. She takes deep interest in the fruit-growing enterprise of Mr. Darby and ably assists him in his research as well as in the practical details of the business, both she and her mother being popular factors in the social activities of their home community.

Fred J. Rhinemiller. A native son of Erie County and a scion of the third generation of the family in this favored section of the Buckeye State, Mr. Rhinemiller is known, with all consistency, as one of the most progressive and successful farmers of Huron Township, and his admirably improved and productive homestead farm is most eligibly situated, on the river road between the villages of Huron and Milan and adjoining the corporate limits of the former progressive little city, this estate, which comprises fifty acres of the finest sandy-loam land, being a part of the old Rhinemiller and Stapleton homesteads and being unexcelled in productiveness by any farm land in Northern Ohio. The enterprise of Mr. Rhinemiller has been significantly shown in the fine and essentially modern improvements he has made upon his farm, as well as in the thrift and prosperity that mark the fertile acres and denote him one of the energetic, progressive agriculturists and stock growers of his native county, where his circle of friends is coincident with that of his acquaintances. In 1907 Mr. Rhinemiller completed the erection of his fine residence of ten rooms, the same being of attractive architectural design and equipped with the most approved of modern facilities and appointments. In the same year he erected his substantial bank barn, which is 40 by 60 feet in dimensions, all other buildings on the place being of excellent order and kept in the best of condition. Mr. Rhinemiller also owns a farm of forty acres situated on Vermilion

Township, near the Joppa Meeting House, and about one mile from the Lake Shore Electric Railroad.

On the old homestead of his parents, a part of which is included in his present farm, Mr. Rhinemiller was born on the 12th of August, 1877, and the founder of the family of which he is a representative of the third generation in Erie County was his grandfather, John Rhinemiller, who was one of the sterling pioneers of the county and of Huron Township, where he obtained a tract of wild land, in the '30s, reclaiming one of the fine farms of the pioneer days and one that is now owned and occupied by his grandson, Arthur Rhinemiller, a brother of him whose name introduces this review. John Rhinemiller initiated his arduous labors by making on his land the clearing on which he built his rude log cabin, no improvements having been made on the place by the former owner, who had obtained the tract from the Government. Mr. Rhinemiller endured the full tension of the pioneer days and was one of the strong and noble men who contributed in generous measure to the development and upbuilding of this section of the state. He remained on his farm many years and the closing period of his long and useful life was passed in the Village of Huron, where he died in the autumn of 1878, secure in the high regard of all who knew him.

John Rhinemiller was born in Germany, about the opening of the nineteenth century, and in his fatherland he was reared to maturity, as was also his wife, Elizabeth. In their native land were born their first two children—William, who is now a resident of Norwalk, Huron County, and Christina, the third child, Elizabeth, having been born on shipboard while the family were en route to America, the voyage having been made on a sailing vessel of the type common to that period, and having consumed several weeks. From New York City Mr. Rhinemiller came with his family to Ohio, and upon his arrival in Erie County his cash capital was represented in the sum of only fifty cents. Industry and self-reliance enabled him to achieve success in his labors as a pioneer farmer, and in his achieving of prosperity he was effectively aided by his wife, who proved a devoted companion and helpmeet. These worthy pioneers were charter members of the Lutheran Church at Huron, and with his own money Mr. Rhinemiller provided for the erection of the first church edifice, which naturally was one of crude order. He was a local preacher in the Lutheran faith and continued his zealous service in this capacity until the infirmities of advanced years made this impossible. His life was guided and governed by the highest principles and ideals, and the tolerance and kindliness ever shown by him and his wife gave them secure place in the affectionate esteem of all who knew them. Six children were born after the family immigration to the United States: John, Jr., father of the subject of this sketch, will be individually recognized in a succeeding paragraph; Joseph, who married and is survived by children, was a resident of the State of New York at the time of his death; Henry, the eldest of those born in Ohio, continued his residence in the State of Michigan until his death and was survived by a number of children. Martha and Christiana died when young women, and one child died in infancy.

John Rhinemiller, Jr., was born on the pioneer homestead of which mention has been made, and he was reared to manhood in Erie County, where his early educational advantages were those afforded in the primitive pioneer schools. His entire active career was one of close identification with agricultural pursuits, and he eventually became the owner of his father's old homestead, where he continued his successful endeavors as a farmer until his tragic death, on the 10th of January, 1912, when he was killed while driving over a railroad crossing between his home and the Village of Huron. He was a man of upright character,

commanded unqualified popular esteem in his native county, was a republican in his political allegiance and was loyal and public-spirited in his civic attitude. The maiden name of his first wife was Garret, and she passed her entire life in Ohio, her death having occurred when she was in the prime of life, and a son and daughter surviving her—Courtland, who is a machinist by trade and vocation and who is in the employ of the Gale Manufacturing Company at Albion, Michigan, and Cora, who is the wife of Charles Heyman, the latter being individually mentioned on other pages of this review. For his second wife John Rhinemiller, Jr., wedded Miss Margaret Paule, who was born and reared in Fremont, Ohio, and who did not long survive the shock and bereavement entailed by the death of her honored husband, she having passed away exactly one year after his accidental death. Both were devoted members of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Rhinemiller, a stalwart advocate of the cause of the republican party, was known as a most progressive and public-spirited citizen. He was born August 5, 1844, and thus was nearly sixty-eight years of age at the time of his demise. Of the children of John and Margaret (Paule) Rhinemiller, the eldest is Fred J., of this review. Arthur Joseph resides on the old homestead farm of his grandfather, as already noted in this context; George E. is the subject of an individual sketch on other pages of this volume.

Fred J. Rhinemiller acquired his early education in the public schools, and his discipline included that of the high school at Huron. He has never found it his wish to abate his allegiance to the great basic industries under the benignant influences of which he was reared, and he justly takes pride in being one of the successful farmers and stock raisers of his native county, the while he is ever ready to lend his vigorous support to enterprises and measures advanced for the social and material wellbeing of the community, his political standard being that of the republican party, with which he has been aligned from the time of attaining to his legal majority. He was reared in the faith of the Episcopal Church and his wife is a communicant of the Catholic Church.

The Village of Huron figured as the stage on which was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Rhinemiller to Miss Catherine Banville, who was born in Liverpool, England, in the year 1879, and who was a child at the time of her parents' immigration to the United States, she being a daughter of John and Margaret Banville, both natives of Ireland, whence they went to England after their marriage, their immigration to America having occurred about the year 1880 and their home having soon afterward been established in the Village of Huron, this county. Mr. Banville was identified with the work of the docks at this port at the time of his death, in September, 1910, when he was instantly killed by being struck by an empty coal car which was moving on a switch track and of the approach of which he was not aware. He was fifty-seven years old at the time of his death and his widow still maintains her home in Huron, and four sons and the one daughter survive the honored father. It is a singular coincidence that the father of Mr. Rhinemiller and the father of Mrs. Rhinemiller both met tragic death in railway accidents. Mrs. Rhinemiller continued her studies in the public schools until she had completed the curriculum of the Huron High School, in which she was graduated as a member of the class of 1898, and she is a popular factor in the social activities of the community in which she has resided from her infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Rhinemiller have three chidren—Florence M., who was born August 30, 1900, and who is now a student in the Huron High School; Donald William, who was born February 20, 1903, and who is in the graded schools; and Charles F., who was born October 30, 1914.

JOHN DICKEL. To take a tract of brush covered and undrained land and convert it by years of patient labor into a fertile and productive farm is one of the most important contributions that an individual citizen can make to such an agricultural county as Erie. Such has been the performance of John Dickel, one of the progressive young farmers and capable citizens of Florence Township.

Born in Vermilion Township November 29, 1876, John Dickel is a son of George and Catherine (Cook) Dickel, who were both natives of Germany and were of old German stock. George Dickel was born February 25, 1837, and recently passed his seventy-eighth birthday. His wife was born four years later, and died October 20, 1905, at her home at Harpers Corners in Berlin Township. They grew up and were married in Germany, and while living in that country four children were born to them: Mary, Eliza, Anna and Charles, all of whom are still living and are married. They came as a family to America soon after the birth of the son Charles, and spent twenty-one days in a sailing vessel which conveyed them from Germany to New York City. From there they came on to Vermilion Township, where George Dickel bought seventy-six acres of land and erected upon it a good house and barn. He lived there a number of years, and then removed to Ceylon in Berlin Township, but after the death of his wife went to live with a daughter in Vermilion Township. Three years later he married Catherine Hinze, a widow, and a neighbor of long standing, and they are now living in Vermilion Township, and are bright, active people. After coming to this country George Dickel and wife had the following children: Martha, wife of Ed Kishman, a farmer in Vermilion Township; Elizabeth is the wife of Charles Walper, and they now occupy the old Dickel homestead in Vermilion Township and have several children; the next is John Dickel; Gertrude is the wife of Elva Heiman, and they live on a farm at Castalia in this county and have four children; George is a farmer in Vermilion Township and by his marriage to Florence Neiding has four children.

John Dickel grew up in Erie County and made the best use of his advantages in the local schools. At the age of thirteen, however, he started out to earn his own living, and has been a hard and industrious worker ever since. His capital consisted of ambition, his determination to succeed and considerable ability in adapting himself to circumstances. He carefully saved his earnings and finally invested them in 115 acres, included in his present farm on the Central Ridge Road in Florence Township. That land was largely covered with brush and he cleared that off and has laid 35,000 feet of tile for drainage. This land now produces under his management abundant crops of wheat, corn, oats and potatoes and as a potato grower he has produced between 150 to 200 bushels per acre for a number of years. One crop of potatoes which attracted considerable attention was the growing of 110 bushels from six bushels of seed potatoes. Mr. Dickel manages his farm on the rotation principle and raises about fifteen acres of wheat, ten acres of oats, twenty-five acres of corn, and gets the maximum yield per acre. He has put in numerous building improvements, including a modern and commodious barn with basement on a foundation 36x70 feet, and his family also live in a small but comfortable home. Another improvement which attracts attention and commends him as a progressive agriculturist is a sixty-five ton silo. The water supply for both stock and domestic purposes is secured from a running spring.

A capable factor in gaining this prosperity has been his excellent companion and wife, whose maiden name was Ada Hill. She was born near her present home in Florence Township October 19, 1879, and was educated in the Mason Corners schoolhouse not far from where her par-

ents, Newman and Sarah (Hoyt) Hill, lived. Her parents are now living on a twelve acre farm in Florence Township, but for a number of years after their marriage they occupied the old homestead of his father, John Hill, who was among the pioneer citizens of Erie County. John Hill and wife lived to a great age and died within a few weeks of each other, being stricken by pneumonia when nearly ninety years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Dickel have two children, Roy C., who was born September 20, 1908, and is now attending the same school where his mother received her education, and Ethel May, born June 26, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Dickel are active members of Florence Grange No. 1844, Patrons of Husbandry, and they attend the Reformed Church in Florence. In politics he is a democrat.

Claude H. Collingwood. Among the young people who are vigorously performing their part as substantial agriculturists in Florence Township should be mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Claude H. Collingwood, both of whom are identified with the old settled stock in this county and have proved themselves most capable and useful members of the community in which they now reside. It is becoming a truism that a small farm well managed is a more valuable asset not only to its owners but to the community than a large tract of land under the slack and loose management of early days, and Mr. and Mrs. Collingwood are giving further substantial proof to that experience.

While he has spent most of his life in Erie County, Claude H. Collingwood was born in Townsend Township of Huron County, June 22, 1882. When four years of age he was brought to Florence Township by his parents, Henry B. and Amy S. (Carley) Collingwood, who were both natives of Erie County and are now living in Florence Township, his father at the age of fifty-four and his mother at fifty-five. He is a machinist by trade and comes of old English ancestry. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The only child of his parents, Claude H. Collingwood grew up in the rural environment of Florence Township, and soon after reaching manhood was married to Miss Bertha A. Young. She was born in Brighton Township in Lorain County thirty-three years ago, and when still a child was brought into Florence Township, where her parents bought twenty acres at Masons Corners on Chappell Creek, which stream furnishes drainage for the farm. Her parents spent the rest of their lives there. Mrs. Collingwood's father was the late Willard Young, who died in 1905 at the age of sixty. He was born in Ohio, a son of John Young, who was twice married and died when past ninety at Wellington, Ohio, having been the father of ten children by his first wife and one by the second marriage, all but one of them now deceased. Willard Young married Emily Jarrett, who was born in England, and was a sister of the late Richard Jarrett, mentioned on other pages. Mrs. Young came in childhood from England with her parents, and grew up and received her education in Ohio and was a most devoted wife and mother until the time of her death on May 22, 1889. She was reared in the faith of the Episcopal Church. Willard Young and wife had two daughters: Mrs. Collingwood and her sister, Amy S., who is still unmarried and lives on the old homestead which she and her sister, Bertha, inherited from their father.

Mr. Collingwood is now occupying and directing the operations of a good farm of twenty-five acres. He has four acres in fruit, largely peaches, has a large red barn with white trimmings standing on a foundation 30x40 feet, and nearby is a thirty-ton silo. The farm house comprises nine rooms, and while his land and orchard return him good profits under his management, he also has the facilities and conveniences

for comfortable living. Mr. and Mrs. Collingwood have two children: Bradley Y., born in 1905 and is now in the fifth grade of the public schools; and Amy Norene, who was born in 1908 and is also in school. Mr. and Mrs. Collingwood are members of Florence Grange No. 1844, Patrons of Husbandry, and Mrs. Collingwood is past Pomona of that grange. In politics he is a republican, and both are well known and popular in local social circles.

Edward R. Hilton. As a practical lumberman and lumber salesman there is no business man in Erie County more proficient than Edward R. Hilton of Huron. When he was a boy he acquired a practical experience in the lumber woods of Michigan, and graduated from the work of a logger and sawmill operator into the ranks of a commercial salesman. At the present time Mr. Hilton is the commercial representative with headquarters at Huron but covering the general trade of northern Ohio for three large southern lumber companies. These are the Crossett Lumber Company of Crossett, Arkansas; the Enoch Bros. Lumber Company of Fernwood, Mississippi; and the Ruddick Orleans Cypress Company of New Orleans. These companies are among the largest in their respective lines in the South. The Cypress Company handle cypress lumber exclusively, while the Crossett people are manufacturers and dealers in short-leaf yellow pine, and the Enoch Bros. handle both long and short-leaf pine lumber. Mr. Hilton's trade territory as representative of these companies also extends to the City of Detroit as well as northern Ohio. He has been with the Ruddick firm for fifteen years, with the Crossett nine years, and with Enoch Bros., two years.

Mr. Hilton has twenty-five years of active and consecutive experience in the selling end of the lumber industry, and all in Ohio with the exception of two years in the New England states. In Ohio he first represented some Michigan firms, first being engaged in selling the output of the Henry Stephens Company of St. Helen, Roscommon County, Michigan, and two years later going into the employ of J. W. Howrey of Saginaw, whose mills are in Ontario. Subsequently he was for eight years Ohio representative of the Stearns Salt & Lumber Company of Ludington, Michigan. Since leaving this Michigan firm he has been commercial representative for one or more of the southern companies already mentioned. Mr. Hilton disposes of lumber to the aggregate of between fifteen and twenty million feet each year, and sells only in carload lots.

Mr. Hilton moved to Huron sixteen years ago, and has always lived on Center Street in that village and in 1905 constructed a comfortable and attractive residence, eight rooms and equipped with all the modern conveniences and facilities. During the first two years of his residence in Huron Mr. Hilton was a general representative for the Robinson Lumber Company of Huron. Edward R. Hilton was born and reared in Detroit, Michigan, and is still in the prime of life, being about forty-seven years of age. At the age of fifteen he left school and had his first experience in some of the Detroit lumber yards. At eighteen he went to the mills, and practically grew up in the lumber region of Michigan. He learned all the details of the business from the logging of the timber to the manufacture and distribution of the finished product, and this experience and practical knowledge of lumber, together with his aggressive energy as a salesman have counted as the most important factors in his success.

Mr. Hilton comes of English and Holland ancestry. A number of generations back the family name was Van Hilton, but the first part of that name was dropped during the English residence. His grandfather,

Thomas Hilton, was an Englishman by birth, and emigrated from that country to Hamilton, Ontario, living there a number of years. At Hamilton, Ontario, was born Henry Hilton in 1838. He grew up in Canada, and married Harriet Holden, who was born in Bradford, Canada. Her father, Jeremiah Holden, was born at Brattleboro, Vermont, and in 1835, married a North Irish girl named Julia O'Conner. Henry Hilton and wife removed from Canada to Detroit, and in that city the father of Henry died at the age of ninety-three. Henry Hilton died at the age of fifty-eight. He was a carriage trimmer. His wife died in Detroit in 1913. The family in later generations were members of the Methodist Church.

Edward R. Hilton, who was one of six sons and one daughter, and the only member of the family living in Ohio, married at Huron Miss Mary Halladay, who was born near Huron on her father's farm in 1875, and is a graduate of the Huron High School. Mention of the Halladay family will be found on other pages. Mr. and Mrs. Hilton have two children: Ruth E., who graduated from the Huron High School in 1915 and while in school took an active part in athletics, being a member of the basketball team, and Edward R., Jr., attending the grade schools. Mr. and Mrs. Hilton are members of the Episcopal Church and he is a vestryman. He is treasurer of Marks Lodge No. 359, F. & A. M., at Huron; of Milan Chapter, R. A. M.; Erie Commandery, K. L., of Sandusky, Ohio; and Toledo Consistory, thirty-second degree. Politically he is a republican in national affairs.

George I. Haise. Including the son of George I. Haise, now active manager of the fine home farm, there have been four successive generations of this family to contribute to the material advancement of Erie County and Florence Township, particularly to the agricultural interests of this community. Those bearing the name have always been accounted men of industry, initiative and energy, doing whatever they have found to do in an intelligent and thoroughly capable manner, and the members of the younger generation are as noteworthy in these respects as those who found Erie County a wilderness when they first came here.

The Haise family has been identified with Erie County since 1828, and while a number of families have lived here for a longer time, there have been none who have exemplified more thrift and more of the honest virtues of good citizenship. The first of the name to come into this section of northern Ohio was John Haise, the grandfather of George I. Haise. John Haise was brought up an orphan boy by a Connecticut farmer, and acquired the habit and practice of spelling his name Haise instead of Hayes as is the usual custom. He had some difficulty with his foster father in Connecticut, and ran away, going to New York State, and among his early experiences there was engaged in rafting lumber down the Hudson River, and also for some time conducted a hotel in New York State. In 1828 he ventured into the western wilds of Ohio, making the trip up the Hudson River, through the Erie Canal to Buffalo and thence by lake to Sandusky, and finally arrived in Florence Township. While in Cuyahoga County he met and married Miss Hannah Gates, who was his capable helpmate and loyal wife during the rest of her years. After coming to Florence Township John Haise purchased 168 acres through Mr. Wakeman, the agent for the old Connecticut fire lands. This tract was nearly all wild, though it had a rude log house and a clearing of a few acres, representing the improvements of the first owner, Lemuel Blackman, who had lived there since prior to the War of 1812. Thus has been sketched briefly the facts which would be contained in an abstract of title to land now

owned by George I. Haise who lives on the homestead which his father acquired as his portion from the estate of his father, John Haise, who in turn secured it in its raw condition from Blackman, the original settler, whose title came direct from the government. After purchasing this land John Haise lived to see many remarkable improvements not only in his own farm but in the country around him. He replaced the old log house with a more substantial structure of the same material, and subsequently erected a frame house. Before his death he divided most of the farm into tracts which he gave his children, retaining only a small homestead of fourteen acres, where he and his wife lived in comfort the rest of their days. He died in 1861 at the age of eighty, while she passed away in June, 1874, aged eighty-four. She was one of the early members of the Presbyterian Church at Florence. John Haise by his character and activities won the confidence and esteem of a large community, and deserves a lasting memory by the descendants of the early pioneers of Erie County. One of the prominent traits of his character was his trustfulness, and many times he loaned money to poor and needy men taking only their word of honor for repayment, and it is said that he never lost a cent by these transactions, a fact which proves that he possessed an excellent judgment of men. Of the children of John Haise and wife a brief record is given of the following: Sallie, who married Jacob Shoff, both deceased; Edwin, who spent his life on a portion of his father's old homestead, married Ann Klady, and left two sons and two daughters; Polly married Henry Trauger, and they moved from Ohio to Indiana, and one died in Michigan and the other in Erie County, leaving two sons and one daughter; Abigail married Harwin Andress, and they and their two sons and two daughters are all deceased; Daniel E. is next in age and is mentioned below; Angeline married John Mason, and at their death they left children. Daniel E. Haise, father of George I., was, like the other children, born in New York State, his birth occurring near Mount Morris, March 9, 1825. He was less than four years of age when his parents came out to Erie County, and he succeeded to the ownership of a portion of the old homestead in Florence Township already described. He was thrifty, a good business man, and a capable farmer, and added to his possessions until at the time of his death in 1903 he owned 111 acres. He was a republican in politics and stood high in the community. He was married in Florence Township to Louise Roland. She was born in the State of Connecticut in May, 1825, and was quite young when she was brought to Florence Township in Erie County. Her parents, Sylvester and Fannie (Chapman) Roland on coming to Erie County bought land adjoining the Haise farm. They were both natives of Connecticut and spent the rest of their lives on the old home in Florence Township, where they died when about eighty years of age. Sylvester Roland was a carpenter by trade, and one of the interesting possessions of George I. Haise is an old hand made square which his grandfather Roland employed in his trade for a number of years. The Rolands were active members of the Presbyterian Church, and grandfather Roland was a republican and a strong abolitionist and was active in conducting the underground railroad in the ante-bellum days, assisting many a fugitive slave to safety across the Canadian border. Mrs. Louise Haise died at her home in Florence Township in 1877. She was a woman of whom it could be said that she looked well after the ways of her household, was devout in her religious performance, and attended the Presbyterian Church. She was one of a family of one son and three daughters, all of them now deceased. Her own children were two: George I. and John. The latter, who was born July 14, 1851, and died November 7, 1897, married Mary Baker, who is

now married again and living in Russell County, Kansas, but has no children by either marriage.

George I. Haise, who introduces the third generation of the family in Erie County, was born April 27, 1850, near the old farm in Florence Township which he now owns. He grew up and received his education largely in Erie County and one of his instructors was the noted Job Fish, who figured so prominently in local educational affairs. He also attended a special course in Oberlin College, where he took mathematics and engineering, and since early manhood has proved himself a capable and successful farmer. In addition to the land which he acquired from the old family estate, he has bought more, and now owns 298 acres. It is fine land, well improved, well stocked, and has excellent house and farm buildings. In later years he has turned over its active management to his capable son, and is now in a position to enjoy life somewhat at leisure.

In their native township George I. Haise and Miss Belle Spore were married, and she was born May 4, 1853, three years after her husband. She received a good education in the local public schools and in the Norwalk High School and for several years before her marriage was a teacher in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Haise properly take pride in their family of children. Louise, the oldest, was educated in the local public schools, was trained as a nurse at Tewksbury, Massachusetts, and for her first husband married Dr. Thomas McKee, who died leaving her one daughter, Mary B. She is now the wife of Rev. E. B. Sikes, who is a graduate in theology from Oberlin and is now pastor of the Congregational Church at Demarest, Georgia, and they have a daughter named Ruth. Winifred B., the second daughter, was for some years an active member of that noted organization known as the Cleveland Ladies Orchestra, with which she traveled over the United States, and later for one year was with the Chicago Ladies Orchestra. She is a talented musician, and a performer on the bass viol and also a cornetist. She is now the wife of Charles English, who has charge of a park at Pullman, a suburb of Chicago. Warren D., the only son, was graduated from the Florence High School, spent three years in Oberlin College, and one year in the Ohio State University at Columbus, and having completed his education has proved a skillful and enterprising farmer and is now looking after the management of the land which his great-grandfather acquired nearly ninety years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. George Haise are members of the Congregational Church at Florence. He has long been an active figure in public affairs both in his home township and in the county. For twelve years he was president of the board of education, and has done a great deal to maintain high standards in the local schools and has shown almost equal interest in the improvement of the roads and in every community betterment. He also served the county as one of the commissioners from 1902 to 1905, a term of three years.

John Barr Butler. This is a name bespeaking a large family relationship with pioneer settlers in Erie County. The Butlers had their share in pioneer things, with agriculture as their chief vocation, and an examination of the records show them to have been stanch defenders of their country, upholders of morality and religion, and people of the finest qualities of neighborliness and usefulness.

The fine Berlin Township farm of John B. Butler is located just west of the old George Butler place where he was born July 22, 1845. His grandparents were David and Abigail (Barr) Butler, who came from Delaware. David was a soldier in the War of 1812 and a few years after its close brought his family out to Ohio and located on a

tract of the fire lands in Erie County. His location was on the line between Berlin and Milan townships. He and his wife endured the privations associated with a log cabin home, surrounded by a wilderness of forest and marsh, and in the course of time he was able to substitute a frame house for the old log cabin and he spent many years in useful labor and citizenship in this section. His wife died in Milan, Ohio, while David passed away at the home of his son George on the old state road in Milan Township when more than eighty years of age. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and in politics affiliated with the democratic party. Of the nine children of David and Abigail all grew to adult age except two, and most of them married and all are now deceased.

George Butler, the oldest son of David, was still a boy when the family came to Erie County and had the practical training of those who grew up in pioneer surroundings. He was a farmer of more than ordinary enterprise, and one monument to his endeavors is the farm of 100 acres still known as the George Butler place, which he had bought and partly developed before his marriage. George Butler married Lydia Monroe, who came from Massachusetts, and was a daughter of Joel Monroe, who was born in Connecticut and died in Milan Township of Erie County. Another daughter of Joel Monroe was the mother of Hudson Tuttle, who became one of the best known of Ohio authors and scholars and left a large number of works covering the field of philosophy and religion. After his marriage George Butler continued the improvement and development of his new farm, which he had found largely an area of stumps, and in time bought another place situated on the old state road, and while living there he passed away October 20, 1889, at the age of eighty-one years, five months, seventeen days. He had survived his wife a number of years, but she was nearly seventy years old when death came to her. Both were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he was one of the original republicans of the county and had served in township offices. A few facts concerning the children of George Butler and wife are given here. Mary J. married William Squires and both died on their farm in Erie County. Oliver Henry died in Kentucky after his marriage and left a daughter, now married. Squire A. was a farmer and died at Fitchville, Ohio, leaving one daughter. Marinda J. died young. Elisha was a Berlin Township farmer and at his death left two children. Susanna married George Jenkins, and lived on the farm on the State Road until her death, being survived by nine children. The next in age is John Barr Butler. George W. died at Ann Arbor, Michigan, as a result of mushroom poisoning, and left one son. William died in infancy.

John Barr Butler grew up on the old homestead and secured his education from the public schools of two townships. After his marriage he located just across from his father's old home, later lived on the old David Butler estate that belonged to his grandfather on the state road near the township line and not far from the Quaker Church. That was his home until 1901, in which year he bought the old Sprague farm of 104 acres close to his birthplace. Subsequently he acquired sixty-seven acres, a part of the Theodore farm, and now lives in the attractive old stone house built adjoining his father's home when he was a small boy. Mr. Butler has shown much proficiency as a farmer and stock man and in general business affairs. He and his wife have succeeded unusually well in the important task of home making. For more than forty years, since early manhood in fact, Mr. Butler has been a grain thresherman and his experience covers almost the entire evolution of threshing machinery, beginning with the simple cylinder, propelled by horse power, while his latest outfit comprises steam power and an

apparatus which performs almost every function of grain threshing with a minimum of human aid. As a farmer he grows all kinds of grain, fruits and vegetables. He keeps fifteen head of high grade horses, and has a stable of four stallions at service. One of these is an imported Percheron, two of them are registered, and two are of mixed breed. One of them is a Belgian draft horse. These operations indicate that he has shown a great deal of progressiveness in all his career, and is a man who has well deserved the respect of the community. In politics he is a republican, and he and his wife were formerly members of the Friends Church.

Mr. Butler was married in Huron County, Ohio, to Miss Cornelia Cunningham, who was born in Norwalk Township, July 21, 1853, and was reared and received her education at East Norwalk. Her parents were Ward and Ann (Wagoner) Cunningham. They were industrious people who started life after their marriage with very limited resources and in time enjoyed a substantial property in Huron County, where her father died at the age of eighty and her mother at seventy. Her father was a republican and his memory is honored as one of the old soldiers of the Civil war. He enlisted in a company raised in Huron County and fought from the beginning to the end of the struggle. At the battle of Gettysburg he was wounded, a rebel bullet passing in at his wrist and coming out at his elbow. Mr. Butler, it should be noted in passing, had four brothers, Oliver, Squire, Elisha and George W., who were likewise soldiers in the Civil war. Squire was sergeant of his company, was slightly wounded in one battle and spent a short time of confinement in the notorious Libby Prison. All the others returned home unhurt.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Butler. Elmer J., born June 4, 1882, is now a carpenter at Berlin Heights, and by his marriage to Eliza Kauffman has living children named George, Donald and Karl. Berta May, born June 20, 1884, is the wife of a Norwalk farmer, Elmer Reding, and their children are Leona, Mildred, Lucile and Alberta. Clara Belle, born March 3, 1885, is the wife of Watt Newkirk, who is employed as a cutter in the Regalia factory at New London, Ohio.

Charles Coultrip. It is usually the case that the greatest obstacles in the path to success are encountered at the beginning, and such was the experience of Charles Coultrip, now one of the prosperous citizens and home owners in Florence Township. Mr. Coultrip became self supporting at the beginning of his teens, and so far as he can recall has never had a dollar given to him, but has earned every portion of his generous success.

Born in Huron Township of Erie County, March 27, 1854, he is a son of English parents, James and Sophia (Fuliger) Coultrip. They were born in the neighborhood of the old cathedral city of Canterbury, England, where their respective parents lived and died, and all were faithful members of the Episcopal Church. James Coultrip grew up as a shepherd and sheep shearer. In this vocation he was exceptionally skillful and won a great many prizes as a sheep shearer in contest at English fairs and also in America. He was known as one of the best authorities in the care and handling of sheep and in their shearing in Erie County, and his last work in life when quite an old man was to shear sheep. He knew all the methods of treating sheep for their diseases, and this knowledge also extended to other live stock, and though not a veterinary he was frequently called upon to help out his neighbors who had sick stock. His early life was spent as a shepherd in England and later in Erie County he gave most of his attention to

the growing and shearing of this class of stock. He came to the United States and settled in Huron County in 1852, and after a year of hard work had saved enough money to bring his little family across the ocean to join him. He was nine weeks in coming across the ocean on a sailing vessel to New York, and his family took about the same time. He found a home in Huron County and later located in Berlin Township, subsequently in Milan Township, was the owner of a farm in Huron Township, and subsequently bought a small place in Townsend Township of Huron County, where his wife died January 9, 1864, at the age of forty-seven years, ten months, ten days. He died in the winter of 1875-76 at the home of his daughter Mrs. Eliza Bellamy in Huron County, and was then about sixty-five years of age. He and his wife were reared in the English Church and remained faithful to that training. In politics he was a republican and had served as a substitute soldier in the Civil war.

Of the seven children in the family, named as follows, William, Jane, Eliza, Sophia, James, Henry and Charles, the last named, Charles Coultrip, was the only one born in America. He grew up on a farm, obtained his education partly in Erie and partly in Huron County, and was nine years old when his mother died. Soon afterward he became self supporting and went through a long course of hard labor and much self denial before getting started. He finally invested his savings in a small farm of forty acres near the Village of Florence. This was increased to sixty acres, and after living upon it and introducing many improvements he sold out and in 1893 bought his present place of ninety-five acres in Florence Township, two and a half miles south of the village of that name. He has a large roomy house, a fine red barn on a foundation 30x84 feet, surrounded by cribs, granaries, and all other facilities for farming. He raises generous crops of hay, corn, wheat, oats, and has a small orchard.

Mr. Coultrip was married in Erie County to Miss Ella M. Harris. She was born at Sherman, in Chautauqua County, New York, fifty-nine years ago, and her father, Addison Harris, also a native of that state, died from smallpox when his daughter, Mrs. Coultrip, was about six years of age. Her mother, whose maiden name was Adelia Skinner, also a native of New York State, subsequently married Samuel H. Bartholomew, and is now living a widow a second time in New York at the age of eighty-four. Mr. and Mrs. Coultrip are the parents of four children. Ruth is the wife of Erastus Wolverton, a farmer in Huron County, and their two children are Robert and Ellen. Ann was well educated at Oberlin and in the Northern Ohio College at Ada, and is now a stenographer in Cleveland. May was also well educated, and is employed in a store at Collins. Arthur graduated from the Collins High School in 1913, and is now a valuable assistant to his father in the management of the home farm. Mrs. Coultrip and her children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and she is an active church worker. Mr. Coultrip is a republican, and has been honored with a position on the school board, and is always public spirited in supporting movements for the community betterment.

Richard H. Pryor. A resident of Erie County more than thirty years, and now one of the vigorous and prospering farmers of Florence Township, Richard H. Pryor came to this state from Canada, but is a native of old Devon, that district of Southwestern England which has been as notable for its sturdy men and women as for its dairies, mines and other industries.

Born in Devonshire, England, May 6, 1853, Richard H. Pryor was of a family that had been identified with that quarter of England for

generations. His Grandfather Pryor was twice married and died in his native shire in 1863, having been born in 1800. He occupied a position known as captain of mines, in the copper-mining district of Devon. John Pryor, father of Richard H., was born in the same locality, grew up to the life of a copper miner, and after his father's death succeeded him as a captain of mines. He held that place a number of years, until a dispute arose in the mines with respect to his interests, and he left his position and entered into a long course of litigation which was carried through the courts for a great many years. The family still has a claim due for his share in the business. John Pryor, after leaving the mines, spent several years as a clothing merchant, and died in 1867, when at the age of forty-one. He married Ann Luxton Hawkins, who was born in the same shire and died in March, 1857, at the age of thirty. Her father, William Hawkins, deserves more than casual mention. He was by trade a wagonmaker and general mechanic. However, he was far in advance of the average proficiency in that trade, and is said to have made the first wagon with spokes in the wheels ever seen in that part of England. That wagon was made about 100 years ago. He also turned out from his shop the first plow that had an iron or steel point, and so far as known he was the first to make a plow of that kind in that part of England. Naturally these accomplishments brought him more than local fame. He died when a very old man, well up towards eighty years of age. In the earlier generations both the Pryor and Hawkins families were Church of England people, but the parents of Richard H. were members of the Methodist Church.

Having grown up in Devon and gained his education in such schools as that shire provided, Richard H. Pryor left his native land in 1872, and after a voyage across the ocean, landed in Quebec, Canada. From there he went on to Toronto and later to Paris, in the same province, and for nine years was employed by a Mr. Christon, who was one of the senators from Ontario. For four years he was also clerk in a mercantile establishment at Toronto, and then came to Ohio and for a time was employed as a clerk in the Wardwell Dollar Store at Cleveland. In 1883 he came into Erie County, and in 1885 bought fifty-two acres of land near the north line of Florence Township. That has since been the scene of his efforts and success as an agriculturist, and he has nothing to complain of in the prosperity which has rewarded his persistent endeavors. While a general farmer, he also has a good orchard of two acres, and keeps some good stock.

Mr. Pryor was married on the farm where he now lives and which he owns, to Miss Charlotte America Curtiss, who was born in Florence Township, and died at her home in 1908 when past sixty years of age. Mr. Pryor married for his second wife Jennie M. Westcott, who was born in Beaverton, Ontario, was reared and educated there, and came to Erie County only a short time before her marriage. Mr. Pryor is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and both his wives have belonged to the same denomination. In national politics he is a democrat, but holds a somewhat independent attitude toward local matters.

Daniel Chandler, Jr. The Chandler family saw its establishment in Ohio as early as 1816, so that full a hundred years of their labors have contributed to the development of the commonwealth. The first of the name to locate in Florence Township, Erie County, was Daniel Chandler, Sr., father of the subject. He was a carpenter by trade, and had his training in Orange County, New York, the eastern home of the family, but after a few years he turned his attention to farming, and from then until now the Chandler men have been farmers in Florence Township.

There is not much definite data concerning the family prior to its arrival in Ohio, though it is known that the Chandlers had lived in Orange County, New York, since Colonial days, and perhaps prior to that time, and that they were farmers, thrifty and industrious. Daniel Chandler, Sr., was born there on October 16, 1791, and in boyhood learned the carpenter's trade. In 1816, while he was still single, he came to Ohio, settling promptly in Erie County and Florence Township. Here he worked at his trade and it is of record that he built the first frame house erected in the township. Land was to be had at a nominal figure then, and Mr. Chandler did not miss his opportunity to get some of it at bottom figures. It was wild land, and to realize on it called for the outlay of a tremendous amount of hard work. Mr. Chandler decided that he was equal to that, and he was willing to make some sacrifices. He built him a small cabin home and applied himself to the Herculean task of carving a farm out of the wilderness. It is needless to add that he was successful. His 200-acre farm in Florence Township came to be known among the garden spots of the community, and in addition to that he owned a 100-acre place in Wakeman Township, Huron County, to which he gave a considerable attention. Some time before the Civil war broke out Mr. Chandler built a fine frame house on his home place. It was situated on the state road, one mile west of Birmingham, and here Mr. Chandler reared his family. He died on October 21, 1861, when he was seventy-eight years old.

Mr. Chandler was a whig and a republican, and for some years served his township in the office of justice of the peace. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and long served on its board of deacons. Two years after he settled in Florence Township, October 16, 1818, Mr. Chandler was married in Vermilion Township to Miss Sallie Summers. She was born in New York State in October, 1793, and in 1818 accompanied her parents to Erie County, settling with them in Vermilion Township. She was the daughter of Mark and Diana (Botsford) Summers, who passed the remaining years of their lives in their new home. They were farming people, sturdy characters both, and highly esteemed of all who shared in their acquaintance. Sally Chandler, as she was called, survived her husband a good many years and died at the old home on December 28, 1891. She and her husband were the parents of ten children, seven daughters and three sons, all of whom grew to years of maturity, married and had children of their own, with the exception of one daughter, Laura. Of that goodly family of ten there are living today Daniel, whose name heads this review, and Mary, who is the widow of Stark Adams and lives in Kansas.

Daniel Chandler, Jr., was born on the old homestead of his parents on November 5, 1830. He was reared and educated in the home community, and barring a few years spent in Wakeman Township, Huron County, the place of his birth has been his lifelong home. He carried on the management of the farm up to the year 1903, when he sold a part of it and retired from actual farming operations, though his son still carries on general farming on the remaining portion of the old place. Mr. Chandler was high successful in his agricultural activities, as his father before him had been, and what the senior gentleman did not accomplish in his life time in the way of improvements on the place, his son did.

Mr. Chandler married Sarah Emma Belknap, born in Erie County on August 13, 1834, and the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Dunham) Belknap. Mrs. Belknap died in Loraine County in 1871 when she was in the best years of her life, and the father later made his home with their daughter, Mrs. Chandler. He died there when he was in the eighty-ninth year of his age. He and his wife were lifelong members of

the Methodist Episcopal Church, and were people of excellent character, owning many warm friends through all their days.

Mrs. Chandler passed away at the family home on November 8, 1913, mourned by her family and a wide circle of staunch friends who loved her for her kindly nature and her many admirable traits of character. She had been reared in the faith of her parents, who were Methodists, as has been said, but in later life she turned to Spiritualism.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Chandler. Albert, the first born, died in 1891. He married Cora Washburn, who survives him, as does also their son, Warren, who married and is the father of a son, Albert, and Della, the wife of Frank O. King. The third child of the Daniel Chandlers is Frank Forest Chandler, who was born on the home place on May 11, 1867, and was there reared and educated under the tutelage of Job Fish, well known educator in Erie County. Frank Chandler gave his attention to farming, and took over seventy acres of the home place at the time when his father sold the major part of his holdings and retired from active labors. This acreage has been sufficient for Mr. Chandler's needs, and he keeps the place in a highly productive state so that the average yield of his place is well above what is held to be a good crop. Thrifty management has marked the farming activities of each generation of Erie County Chandlers, and the closest inspection will not reveal slip-shod methods in any department.

Frank Forest Chandler married first in Townsend Township, Huron County, Miss E. May Parsons, born there April 12, 1872, and the daughter of Charles K. and Elmina (Arnet) Parsons. They were lifelong farmers of Huron County and died there, the mother in middle life and the father when he was almost ninety. Mrs. Chandler, their daughter, was educated at Oberlin, Ohio. She died on March 12, 1913, the mother of five children, of whom brief mention is made as follows: Charles, born January 19, 1900, is a student in the local high school, class of 1917. Gordon F., born January 25, 1902, is in school, as is also Beulah May, born March 8, 1904, and Sarah E., born March 24, 1907. The fifth and youngest child, Bernice, born August 18, 1912, has since the death of the mother been adopted by a relative. Mr. Chandler married for his second wife, September 9, 1915, Rose M. Ackerman, of Greenwich, Ohio.

Frank Forest Chandler is a democrat and has been town clerk for two terms. His father, the subject of this review, became a democrat in later life, and has in years past held many offices of trust in his community. Like his wife, he is a Spiritualist, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

The men of the Chandler family have stood for worthy citizenship through all the years in which they have been identified with the fortunes of Erie County, and the name is unblemished and highly honored.

Frederick A. Eldredge, M. D. Now retired from the active cares and responsibilities of a medical profession, which he followed for many years and to which he brought high talents, Doctor Eldredge has lived at Berlin Heights more than thirty-five years. He represents one of the oldest families in New England, and in the profession of medicine followed in the footsteps of both his father and grandfather. Doctor Eldredge was an army surgeon in the Union army during the Civil war.

He was born in Pembroke, New Hampshire, September 28, 1837. His first American ancestor was William Eldredge, who came from England with a brother in 1635. In the Massachusetts colony he was bound out as an apprentice for seven years, and subsequently became a prominent land owner at Chatham, and so far as the records go it is probable that

he died there. His descendants many of them located and lived on Cape Cod, and also spread over into the State of Connecticut. The doctor's grandfather, Dr. Michael Eldredge, was born in Connecticut in 1765. He spent three years as a student of medicine under his uncle Hezekiah Eldredge at Newton, Massachusetts, and received a license to practice in 1797. Many years later he obtained his diploma from a regular medical school in 1824. He was in practice for many years at Princeton, Massachusetts, where he married Sallie Butrick. She was a niece of Maj. John Butrick, who in the annals of the Revolutionary war is distinguished as having opened the fight against the British Regulars in the Battle of Concord. Dr. Michael Eldredge subsequently removed to Nashua, New Hampshire, and practiced there until his death at the age of seventy-three in 1848. His widow died in 1866 in Lowell, Massachusetts. In religion they were members of the Congregational Church.

Dr. Hezekiah Eldredge, father of Dr. Frederick A., was the oldest of thirteen children, and was born in Princeton, Massachusetts, in 1798. He studied medicine under the direction of his father, and subsequently took a course of lectures at Pittsfield and graduated M. D. in 1824 from Brown University. That was the same year that his father secured his medical diploma at Boston. Dr. Hezekiah Eldredge began the practice of medicine at Dunstable, Massachusetts, and in that city met and married Sarah Bennett, a granddaughter of Capt. John Bennett, who served with distinction in the Revolutionary war. After the birth of two sons, Doctor Eldredge moved to Pembroke, New Hampshire, and in 1840 took his family to Amesbury, Massachusetts. In 1847 he moved to Milford, New Hampshire, and practiced there until his death in 1870. His first wife died at Amesbury, Massachusetts, in 1846. She was born in 1800. At Amesbury he also married his second wife, Louisa Cushing Eastman, who survived him and died at Amherst in 1895, without surviving children. Dr. Frederick A. Eldredge was one of three sons. One brother, Lucius, died in 1871 unmarried at Milford, New Hampshire, and the younger brother, Erastus Darwin, died in 1866 at Toledo, where he was a merchant, and still unmarried.

Dr. Frederick A. Eldredge grew up with such associations and tendencies toward the medical profession that he made it the calling of his choice before he reached his majority. He studied under the direction of his father, and had not yet qualified for practice when, in September, 1863, he enlisted in the Fifth Regiment of Infantry of the New Hampshire troops as a private. A few weeks later he was made assistant hospital steward and subsequently was commissioned hospital surgeon of the First New Hampshire Cavalry. His commission is dated in July, 1864. He served in that capacity until finally mustered out in July, 1865.

Doctor Eldredge remained in New Hampshire until the spring of 1866, and then moved to Toledo where he took over the management of the fish business which had been conducted by his brother. He continued to be occupied with this work until 1878, and then moved to Berlin Heights in Erie County. Here he established and built up a very large practice as a physician and has an enviable reputation in his profession which still belongs to him, although several years ago he retired from active practice. He is still an active member of the Cleveland Medical Society.

Doctor Eldredge comes of a family that in politics has been identified since the establishment of the government with the old federal principles and subsequently with those held and maintained by the whigs and the republicans. He served one term as mayor of his village, and for more than a quarter of a century was commander of the George M.

Fowler Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is still a member of that organization.

Doctor Eldredge was married in Toledo, Ohio, to Miss Regina Crowell, who was born in Chatham, Massachusetts, February 17, 1846. Her family were Cape Cod people dating back to colonial times. She came to Toledo in 1864, and died at Berlin Heights, April, 1912. Doctor Eldredge and his wife attended the Congregational Church at Berlin Heights.

Charles F. Kuhl. The farming men of Erie County have played an important part in the fortunes of that section, and among them may be mentioned Charles F. Kuhl of Florence Township, who operates one of the most productive farms in his community. Diversified farming is his plan, and his 100-acre tract ranks among the profitable farms in the township. Though he acquired this place as late as 1910, Mr. Kuhl is no stranger to agriculture, for he has been a successful farmer all his life.

Charles F. Kuhl was born in Vermilion Township, Erie County, on March 30, 1880. He is a son of John C. and Katherine Ferber, nee Coolen Kuhl. The father was born in Lorain County, this state, in 1849, and died in Erie County on January 11, 1905. He spent his life in agricultural activities in Lorain and Erie counties, and was one of the most highly esteemed men of his community. He was a son of German parents, who in young life had settled in Lorain County, later making their home in Erie County, Vermilion Township, where they spent the last years of their life. They were farming people, and their son and grandson followed in their vocation. They were lifelong members of the German Reformed Church, and were esteemed of all who knew them.

Katherine (Coolen) Kuhl, mother of the subject, was a daughter of German parents, and she was reared in Vermilion Township. She died in Berlin Township in 1891, when she was forty-two years of age. With her husband, she was a member of the German Reformed Church, and was a woman of splendid character. One daughter, Emma, of her first marriage, is married to Charles Ruggles, of Vermilion Township. As the wife of John Kuhl she became the mother of four sons and two daughters. The eldest is John, a farmer in Vermilion Township. Charles F. of this review was the next born. Sophia, unmarried, lives in California. Peter, who married Lydia Davidson, and has one daughter, Thelma, lives in Huron Township. Louis, married Sophia Kreig, is a farmer in Berlin Township, and has a son, Elmer, and daughter, Mildred. Augusta, the wife of Leon Oeling, of Oberlin, Ohio, became the mother of two children, both of whom died in infancy.

Charles F. Kuhl was married on February 14, 1905, to Miss Caroline A. Battz. She was born and reared in Florence Township, the date of her birth being June 7, 1887, and she is the daughter of Nicholas and Catherine (Fraley) Baatz, both of German birth, who came to this country in early life and were married in Berlin Township. They spent many years on a farm in Florence Township, were prosperous and stood well in their community. The father died at the age of seventy-three and the mother at sixty-nine. They were members of the German Reformed Church, and Nicholas Baatz was prominent in the public affairs of the township in which he lived, holding various local offices and acquitting himself with credit at all times. They were the parents of six daughters and four sons, all of them married and living today.

Charles and Caroline Kuhl have one living child, Gladys C., born

March 31, 1911. They have membership in a Birmingham church, are held in high esteem in their community, and have many warm friends thereabouts. Mr. Kuhl, who is a republican in politics, is active in the political life of the township.

JESSE R. BATH. Among the agricultural class of Groton Township there is no man who has more honestly earned his success than Jesse R. Bath. In his youth he was in very modest financial circumstances, had to overcome hardships in order to get a start, but for many years has steadfastly directed his energies along a certain line, observing meanwhile the virtues of honesty and industry, and is now recognized as one of the most successful farmers and dairymen of his home township, and in that locality has enjoyed such confidence and popularity as to gain official honors.

It was in 1872 that he came to the farm where he now resides in Groton Township, and beginning as a renter has since acquired land in his own right from time to time, and has made a commendable degree of prosperity. Mr. Bath is a native of England, born in Somersetshire October 14, 1854, a son of George and Matilda (Maggs) Bath. When he was about four years of age his parents left England, came to the United States and lived in Huron County, Ohio, until 1864, when they moved into Erie County and were among the first of a number of English families to settle in Groton Township. George Bath was also a farmer, and he and his wife spent their last years in Groton Township.

Jesse R. Bath grew up in Huron and Erie counties, received his early education in the public schools of Groton Township and likewise attended a private normal school at Berlin Heights. As a result of his long continued operations as a farmer he now owns a fine place of 197 acres, devoted to general agriculture. For a number of years he has been a dairyman, keeps a herd of high grade Durham cattle, and sells large quantities of fine cream to the creamery at Bellevue.

For his first wife Mr. Bath married Miss Idola Langwell of Margaretta Township, now deceased. His present wife before her marriage was Jennie L. Hastings of Groton Township. They have two children, Marjorie L. and Jesse Robert.

In a public capacity Mr. Bath served twelve years as a member of the board of education of Groton Township, and during a portion of that time was president of the board. He has always been interested in good schools, good roads, and in every improvement for his home community. In politics he is a republican. All his practical career has been spent in farming and among other advantages gained by years of residence in Erie County he has acquired the confidence and good will of a large community.

MILTON J. SAYLER. Few of the farm homes of Florence Township show better results of cultivation and more of the real comforts of rural life than that of Milton J. Sayler. Mr. and Mrs. Sayler are young people and have been engaged in the responsibilities of the world only a few years, but already have a home and an established place in community affairs such as many men labor for many years before attaining.

The birth of Mr. Sayler occurred near Rye Beach in Huron Township of Erie County, September 15, 1885. His parents were Philip and Louise (Kuhl) Sayler, the former born in one of the eastern states and the latter in Erie County. The grandfather, John Sayler, and the maternal grandfather, John Kuhl, were both born in Germany, came when young men to the United States and to Huron Township, and here spent the rest of their lives. All these grandparents are now buried in the Scott Cemetery. John Sayler died when past eighty, and his wife, whose

maiden name was Mary Beatty, died when more than seventy. John Kuhl died at the age of eighty-seven, and his wife at fifty. All of this generation were active farmers and were members of the Evangelical Church. Philip Sayler and wife were married in Huron Township, and are still living there. He was born December 19, 1852, and his wife on November 7, 1854. They attend regularly the Evangelical Church, and he is a very strong republican in politics. Of their children Milton J. is the oldest; Norman is a farmer in Huron Township, and married Susan Knettle; and Laura is the wife of Clyde Porter, a farmer at Blissfield, Michigan, and they have a son named C. Milton.

Milton J. Sayler grew up in Huron Township and secured his education from the modern country and district schools of that neighborhood. In 1911, at the age of twenty-six, he moved into Florence Township and bought 150 acres of excellent land south of the Village of Florence. This he has greatly improved during the last four years. Among the features of his farm which call for special mention are a substantial eight-room brick home, a large barn on a foundation 36x70 feet, and a sixty-ton silo. He grows all the general crops and considerable fruit, and one of his specialties as an agriculturist is the raising of sweet corn, which he finds a very profitable and revenue producing department of his undertaking. The farm is thoroughly drained and well cared for and all but twenty acres is under cultivation.

Mr. Sayler was married in this county to Miss Elizabeth Alheit, of Vermilion Township, where she was born January 28, 1893, and grew up and received her education there. Her parents, Sylvester and Catherine (Grisel) Alheit, were born in Germany, but were married in Vermilion Township, where they were farmers. Her father died there in 1909 at the age of fifty-nine, while her mother is still living in the Village of Vermilion and is now sixty years of age. They were members of the German Reformed Church, and Mr. Alheit was a democrat. Mrs. Alheit has two children, Elizabeth, the wife of M. J. Sayler, and Charles Alheit, who is now in the employ of the Erie Railroad and lives at Marion, Ohio, and married Winifred Rudolph. Mr. and Mrs. Sayler have one son, Melvin P., who was born August 17, 1914. The Sayler family are very active in the social life of that community and Mr. Sayler is a member of the Evangelical Church, while his wife is of the German Reformed denomination. In politics he is a republican.

John R. Fox. Of the third generation of the Fox family in Erie County, John R. Fox represents a name that has been closely identified with this county since pioneer times. The work by which he has commended himself to the esteem of the community has been largely as a farmer. Mr. Fox owns a well improved place, a portion of which lies in Oxford Township and a part in Perkins Township, his home being in the latter. He is one of the substantial and esteemed citizens of his native county.

Born in Perkins Township, July 7, 1853, he is a son of Allen and Catherine E. (Bartlett) Fox. His father was also born in Erie County, while his mother was born in New York State, and when a child came with her parents to Ohio and to Erie County. Grandfather Rodger Fox came to Ohio from Connecticut, a state which furnished so much of the citizenship to Northern Ohio during the pioneer times. He was an early settler in what is now Perkins Township, reclaimed a farm from the wilderness, and lived a life which should deserve recognition and memory on the part of his descendants. With the exception of a brief period of residence in Hardin County, Allen Fox spent all his life in Erie County, and was one of the successful farmers of Perkins Township. After a long and honorable career he passed away in November,

1906, having survived his wife several years. He had been reared under the conditions and influences of pioneer times, and did a worthy part in carrying forward the movement for development and progress in this section. Perkins Township had few better known and none more highly esteemed among its citizens. He was a stanch democrat, served two terms as township trustee, for a number of years held the office of director in his school district, and was an active member of Perkins Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. Of the ten children born to Allen Fox and wife all are living except Ida M. and Lucy F. Polly C. is the wife of Thaddeus Mackin of Huron County; John R. is next in age; Joseph A. is a resident of Montague, Michigan; George B. is a prosperous farmer of Perkins Township; Emma I. is the wife of John A. Strong of Bloomingville, Erie County; Sylvester is a resident of Toledo; Mary L. is the wife of Frank Hess of Sandusky; and Martha A. is the wife of Nathan Harris of Huron County.

John R. Fox grew to manhood on the old farm in Perkins Township, learned lessons in practical industry at home, and also gained a fair knowledge of books and studies in the local schools. For many years his career has been steadily and industriously identified with farming and he has well earned a place for himself among the best exponents of that industry. He owns twenty-five acres in Oxford Township and 11¾ acres adjoining in Perkins Township. Mr. Fox is liberal and public spirited, takes a lively interest in public affairs and all the best interests of the community. He is a stalwart republican in politics, but the only office which he has consented to serve is that of constable of Perkins Township.

Elmer B. Otto. The subject of this sketch, Elmer B. Otto, is a comparatively young man, born and reared in Erie County, and first saw the light of day on what is known as the old Captain Dennis Farm on the 19th day of May, 1885, being a second son of Herman W. Otto, the well known farmer who has lived on the above farm for more than thirty years.

The grandparents of Elmer B. Otto were Franz J. M. and Sophia P. Otto, who emigrated to this country in 1851, and for a time lived on Long Island in the State of New York. There were born to them six children, all of whom are now living, viz.: Frederica, Jennie, Franz, Herman, Albert and Clara. In the year 1868 Franz J. M. Otto and family came to Sandusky, Ohio. Franz Otto and his wife were people of good education, he was a florist and landscape gardener and for many years conducted a nursery and greenhouse on the old Columbus Pike near the site of the old Toll Gate. Many are the trees in this county that stand as monuments to his memory, such as the elms in front of the old Marshall home, the chestnut trees around the courthouse and many others that might be mentioned. He lived to the ripe old age of eighty-four years and sleeps the sleep that knows no wakening in Oakland Cemetery besides his wife. His wife died in 1885.

Herman W. Otto was a mere lad when his parents came to Sandusky, and after attending the Sandusky public schools devoted his attention to farming. At first he worked on the farm for Captain Dennis, then rented it and later purchased it, and for many years has enjoyed living there. He was married to Frances Oswald, who was born in Sandusky, and is a daughter of Andrew and Helen (Frey) Oswald, both natives of Germany. Andrew Oswald was a cabinet maker and for many years applied himself at that trade, but eventually went into the dairy business. He was seventy-three years of age at the time of his death and his wife sixty-three. Their ten children were Margaret, deceased; Aloysius, Frances, Mary, John, Pauline, George, Andrew, Fred and Julius.

Elmer B. Otto.

Herman Otto and his wife Frances reared seven children, Walter, Elmer, Jennie, Edith, Elnora, Frederick and Alverna, all of whom are now living in the City of Sandusky or in the county.

The time is not far distant when the worker, he that labors for his fellowman, will be recognized as he deserves, and he that renders service, be it ever so humble, shall be regarded above one that labors only for dollars. Elmer B. Otto was reared on his father's farm and there acquired the fundamentals of his present success. His parents and grandparents were all earnest, hard working, industrial people, paid their debts and performed their obligations to society as all will bear witness who ever knew any of them. Elmer B. Otto was married to Ada Rittman in 1908. She was born and reared in Sandusky and is a daughter of Christopher and Louisa Rittman and a sister of Walter Rittman, who has just become known to fame not so much through his chemical discoveries as his enlightened spirit of laboring for the public good rather than for dollars or private monopoly. To Elmer B. Otto and wife Ada were born two bright sons, Walter and Howard Christian.

Elmer B. Otto began before he was of age to sell milk from his father's farm with one horse and wagon and selling direct from the can. His first venture was to buy a "new fangled" milk cooler in order to cool the milk as soon as drawn from the cows. Next he purchased his first separator for separating the cream from the milk. This was a small hand-power machine. Though that was a humble beginning, Elmer B. Otto has never lost hope, has met with difficulties and disappointments, but he has made money and it is largely to his credit that Sandusky today enjoys the good quality of milk delivered in sealed bottles free from dirt or germs.

It has always been his ambition to have a good business and give as much or a little more for the money than his competitors. In 1907 he was able to purchase the splendid property known as the old "Pitt Cook" home at 915 Washington Street. This property has a frontage of 112 feet and twelve rods deep with an alley in the rear. The large three-story stone dwelling house faces Washington Street, where Mr. Otto lives and conducts his business enterprises. On the rear of the lot, seven days in the week, everyone is interested in seeing that the people of Sandusky get fresh milk for their coffee. Here all milk is tested by the "Babcock" method to find if the milk is up to the proper standard; here also is the engine and boiler room, the refrigerating machine, the steam separator, the monstrous churn, the bottle washing machines and bottle filling machinery. Mr. Otto, be it to his credit, has visited New York, Cleveland, Chicago, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Cincinnati, Columbus, and in fact all of the great cities frequently to get the latest and best ideas in the milk and cream industries of the world. Those who have visited the place of Mr. Otto, and also fortunate enough to have visited other like places, cannot but feel proud of the fact that Sandusky is up to date in the matter of her milk supply and delivery.

Eight wagons deliver milk to the customers all over the city; 2,000 pounds of butter is made here every week for the home trade, and buttermilk, skim-milk and cottage cheese, as well as cream for ice cream, are among the products of this plant. About a year and a half ago Mr. Otto purchased and operated a confectionery and ice cream store on Columbus Avenue, but the ever increasing duties to his continually enlarging business compelled him to sell out the store to his brother, Walter Otto.

All milk from this plant is pasteurized, bottled and placed in cold storage until delivered to the patron. Cleanliness and wholesomeness, together with prompt service, have been for Mr. Otto an ideal that he

has lived up to constantly. Fraternally Mr. Otto is one of the prominent younger members of the Masonic order. His affiliations are with Perseverance Lodge No. 329, F. & A. M.; Sandusky City Chapter No. 72, R. A. M.; Sandusky Council, R. & S. M.; Sandusky City Commandery No. 26, K. T.; and Zenobia Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to Lodge No. 285, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and to Lodge No. 444, Fraternal Order of Eagles.

John P. Mowry. The owner of one of the excellent farms found in the rich agricultural district of Oxford Township, John P. Mowry since early youth has been a productive worker, and has always busied himself with something useful either to himself or to others. In addition to operating his farm he furnishes a valuable service to the community by operating a threshing outfit during the season and also conducts a portable sawmill.

His life began in Oscar Township, of Erie County, February 17, 1870, and he is a son of the late John and Louise (Leber) Mowry, the former a native of Switzerland and the latter of Nassau, Germany. John Mowry, who died November 9, 1907, was brought when nine years of age from his native land to America, his parents settling in Seneca County, Ohio, where John's father died. He grew up and received his education in that locality and subsequently removed to Erie County, eventually settling in Oscar Township, where for many years he was one of the active farmers. During the war between the states he enlisted and spent three years in the Union army and nine months of that time were passed enduring the hardships and privations of the notorious military prison at Andersonville, Georgia. He saw much active service and participated in several of the great battles of the war. His six children were: Charles, of Kimball, Ohio; John P. of Oxford Township; Louise, wife of Henry L. Scheid of Oxford Township; Carrie, wife of Claude Livengood of Oxford Township; Adolph of Conneaut, Ohio; and Edward, now deceased. The late John Mowry was a democrat in politics and made himself useful wherever he was. He was a member of the Evangelical Association and carried his religion into his everyday life. His widow is still living, being now in her seventieth year, and enjoying the fruits of a life spent in usefulness and well doing, surrounded by her family and a large circle of friends. She was reared in Germany and came to America in her nineteenth year, and since that time has been continuously a resident of Erie County.

On the farm of his father John P. Mowry grew up in Oxford Township and was prepared for his career partly in the public schools and partly by the discipline of the farm and by the teachings and precepts of his parents who inculcated in their children habits of industry and strict honesty. Through his business activities carried on over a period of a number of years Mr. Mowry now owns 106½ acres of land, devoted to general farming.

On October 7, 1898, he married Miss Florence Miller, who was born in Groton Township, daughter of William Miller, for many years well known in that section of Erie County. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mowry, and the three now living are Earl C., Alberta and Vietta, while the two deceased were named Melvin and Florence.

For four years Mr. Mowry served as treasurer of Oxford Township and well justified the confidence of his fellow citizens to his administration. He is a democrat in politics and wherever known is held in high regard for his progressiveness and his thorough integrity.

Lewis A. Beatty. When a good man passes to the higher life he leaves a void in the community that is hard to fill. Though his place

in the business world may be taken by a competent successor, old ties have been sundered and old associations broken, and memory—that precious tie that links us with the past—can alone revive his personality and place him in our midst again. Let us be thankful for it, for, if it sometimes strikes a note of sorrow, it also sounds the chords of joy, for what soul is there so dead to all the best feelings of humanity that would willingly forget the loved ones who have gone before? When, on June 3, 1911, Lewis A. Beatty passed from this earthly life, he left behind many precious memories in the hearts and minds of those who had known and loved him. A successful business man, the leading merchant in Castalia, honest in the strictest sense, a loving husband, kind father and good neighbor, his place is indeed hard to fill.

Mr. Beatty was a native of the Empire State, having been born in Otsego County, New York, December 7, 1844, a son of Alexander and Maria (Lewis) Beatty. The father was a native of Ireland who came to America with his parents when eleven years old, the family settling at New Berlin, Chenango County, New York, which county is adjacent to Otsego, to which section they afterwards moved. Mrs. Maria Beatty, whose family was of French extraction, was a good wife and mother, who ruled her household wisely and well, and to whom doubtless the subject of this memoir owed many of the qualities which had to do with his success in life.

Lewis A. Beatty was reared to manhood in his native county, in his youth attending the public schools. The knowledge thus acquired was supplemented in after life by reading and practical experience of men and things. He began industrial life at an early age and by dint of energy and perseverance, backed by intelligence, soon became self-supporting. December 23, 1869, in Otsego County, New York, he married Miss Fannie Adams, who was born in that county, December 5, 1847. She was a daughter of Thomas C. and Catherine (Edwards) Adams, both parents being natives of England, who came to America about 1838, settling first in Utica, New York. From that city they subsequently removed—after a few years—to Edmeston, Otsego County, where they resided until their death. In 1877 Mr. Beatty, with his wife and family, removed to Bloomingville, Erie County, Ohio, where for fifteen years he was manager of a general store for Thomas Adams, also serving as postmaster for a number of years. He then removed to Rocky Ridge, Ottawa County, Ohio, and was there engaged in mercantile business for himself for fifteen years, also serving eight years as postmaster. At the end of that period he came with his family to Castalia and entered into general mercantile business here, conducting it successfully from his advent in 1907 until his death in June, 1911, as above recorded. His strict integrity and upright character, united to a kind and genial disposition, won him friends from the start and he never lost their confidence. He easily gained a leading place among the merchants of the town and was universally recognized not only as a good business man, but as a useful and public-spirited citizen. A man of strong moral principle, he was an ardent supporter of the temperance cause and always followed the golden rule in his dealings with his fellow men. The business he so successfully built up is now carried on by his widow and other members of his family and still continues in a thriving and prosperous condition. Indeed, it may be said that Mr. Beatty owed much of his success to his wife, who, for over a quarter of a century, was his wise and faithful counsellor and assistant, an obligation he was always ready to acknowledge. They were the parents of five children, namely: Henry L., residing in Castalia, Ohio; Cora, who is now deceased; Mary A., who resides in Castalia; Clifton A., a resident of Grenada, Mississippi, and Carrie M., who is the postmistress of Castalia.

Mrs. Beatty attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. She and her daughters occupy a tasteful and comfortable residence in Castalia.

Claude B. DeWitt. One of the leading members of the Sandusky bar for the past fifteen years, Mr. DeWitt has many interests and activities outside of his profession which have made his name familiar and prove the value of his service and his high standing in the community.

The DeWitt farm, on which he was born in Perkins Township, April 20, 1878, is almost the only farm now in that township which has remained in the same family for three successive generations. It was settled by his grandparents, George W. and Elizabeth (Buck) DeWitt, who were of Holland Dutch parentage and came to Ohio during the decade of the '30s. After they married they established their home on the farm a part of which is now included in the grounds of the Ohio Soldiers' Home. Their location there was in 1849, and it continued to be their place of residence the rest of their lives. Will C. DeWitt, father of the Sandusky attorney, and the only son of George W. and Elizabeth DeWitt, was born and spent his entire life on the same farm, and died there in 1913. This old homestead, interesting and valuable to the DeWitt family, is now owned by Claude B. DeWitt, who was the only child of Will C. DeWitt and wife. The mother was Anna Bennett, and she was also born in Erie County. Her parents were Robert and Ellen (Milner) Bennett, the former of Irish and the latter of English descent. Robert Bennett likewise spent all his years in Erie County.

After graduating from the Sandusky High School in 1895, Claude B. DeWitt entered the Ohio State University, where he was given his degree LL. B. in 1900. Experience and hard work have brought him a large practice at Sandusky, where he enjoys an enviable position.

In 1902 Mr. DeWitt was revision clerk of the General Assembly of Ohio, and was selected by Governor Nash as secretary of the code commission to draft the municipal code for Ohio cities that was enacted in 1902. He was formerly a member of Company B, Sixteenth Regiment Ohio National Guard, and since 1910 has been in charge of the Boy Scout movement at Sandusky. He served as director of public safety at Sandusky during 1910-11, and since 1907 has been referee in bankruptcy of the United States District Court. He was director of the Castalia Bank during 1912-1913. Mr. DeWitt is secretary of The Great Lakes Waterways Conference, an organization made up of all of the Chambers of Commerce in the port cities of the Great Lakes.

In politics a republican, he served a number of years on county and city committees. Mr. DeWitt is affiliated with Masonry, including the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite and Erie Commandery of the Knights Templar, and also with the Benevolent and Protective Order or Elks. He is a member of the Sunyendeand Club and is chairman of the executive committee of the Men's Literary Club. His church is the Congregational.

On April 25, 1901, at Columbus, he married Tella M. Axline. Her father, Gen. H. A. Axline, served as a private in the Civil war, during the Spanish American war was colonel commanding the Tenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and for twelve years was adjutant general of Ohio, so that his name is one of the best known in the State. Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt have one child, Axline C. DeWitt, now twelve years of age.

Thomas B. Potter, prominent citizen, well-to-do farmer and a trustee of Groton Township, has lived in this locality since 1874. He came here from Wood County, and after his marriage, October 4, 1877, settled on his present farm and his life since then has been a busy and profitable one. Mr. Potter is a son of William B. and Clarissa (Shipman) Potter, and he was born in Mercer County, Ohio, on October 28, 1853.

William B. Potter was a native of Nottinghamshire, England. His father, Thomas Potter, long established in England, and William accompanied his parents to America when he was a lad of thirteen years. They located in Mercer County, Ohio, near Chickasaw, in the year 1832, and were among the early settlers in that region. There William B. Potter reached man's estate and settled on a farm of his own after his marriage to Clarissa Shipman, who was a native daughter of the State of Pennsylvania. They lived in Mercer County until 1864, when they moved into Wood County, settling in Weston Township, and they lived there to the end of their days. The father was almost eighty-four years of age when he passed on in 1903. They were people of exemplary character and habits, and their lives were valuable contributions to the communities wherein they lived.

Thomas B. Potter was eleven years old when his parents moved from Mercer to Wood County, Ohio, and he was reared to manhood on the farm home in the last named county. He had the privilege of attending the local schools, and such advantages as he had in that respect were supplemented by a good home training in the practical things of life. When he was twenty-one, young Potter left home, came to Erie County and settled on a Groton Township farm in the year 1847. On this place he still lives. His farm is a ninety-nine acre tract, and it is devoted to general farming. Mr. Potter is a practical and therefore a successful farmer. He has been more or less interested in stock-raising, always an adjunct to general farming, and his farm is one of the well kept and thrifty looking places in the township that it is noted for its prosperity.

For several years Mr. Potter has been local agent for the American Agricultural Chemical Company of Cincinnati, and he has made a feature of one of their products, known as Bowker's Fertilizer. He has amply demonstrated the need for commercial fertilizer in his own farming and through his introduction of it in the township and county has increased the standard of productiveness in a goodly measure. Mr. Potter is now serving his second term as a trustee of Groton Township, and he has served the town as superintendent of roads, as well. He is a Republican on the larger issues, but in local politics does not permit party lines to influence his actions. His fraternal affiliations are with the Masons and the Odd Fellows, and he and his family are members of the Congregational Church.

Thomas B. Potter was married on October 4, 1877, to Maria Hale, born in York Township, Sandusky County, Ohio, and a daughter of William and Sarah Hale, natives of England who settled in Sandusky County early in the thirties. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Potter. Worthy W. is a farmer of Groton Township, and he has one son, Thomas Eldon Potter. Eva M., unmarried, lives at home, as does Mabel A., while Gertrude C., the second child, is deceased. Worthy W. and Mabel A. are graduates of high school, of Bellevue, Ohio.

The Potter family is held in the highest esteem in the township where they have lived for the last forty years. They are representative of the best element of local citizenship, and enjoy the confidence and good will of their fellow-townspeople in the highest measure.

Charles P. Sebolt. The Sebolt home and farm is in the Village of Florence and in the township of that name, where Mr. Sebolt is a prosperous farmer and stock man, and by reason of his long service as a trustee of the township is one of the best known citizens in that part of Erie County.

He is living now in the same community where he was born on January 28, 1866, and has never been long absent from the scenes in which

he was born and reared. His parents were Anthony and Mary (Ritzenthaler) Sebolt, both natives of Baden, Germany, and of the Catholic faith. The father was born in 1831 and the mother in 1835. Anthony Sebolt came to America in 1850, accompanying his father and other members of the family, and was six weeks on the ocean between Bremen and New York. He came on to Milan Township in Erie County, and the family lived there for a number of years, and while there he married Miss Ritzenthaler who had also come with other members of her family from Germany. Anthony Sebolt learned and followed the trade of shoemaker, while his father before him was a blacksmith, but in later years became well known as a herb doctor, and died at the home of his daughter in Cleveland when an old man. Anthony Sebolt toward the end of the decade of the '50s, after the birth of two children, moved from Milan to Florence Township, and set up in business at the thriving little Village of Florence, which then contained but a few inhabitants and was a much more important center of population and trade than it is now. There he opened a custom boot and shoe making shop and repair shop and conducted it successfully for some years. Later for about thirty years he was engaged in the wine and liquor business, and died in 1909 at the age of seventy-six. He was noted for his remarkable vigor, and kept up his energetic career almost to the last day of his life. Anthony Sebolt was a democrat and took much part in local affairs. His wife died in June, 1914, at the age of eighty-two. Both remained faithful to the religion in which they had been reared. Their family consisted of six sons and four daughters, and all are living except two daughters and all married except two sons, and those married have children with the exception of one of the daughters.

Charles P. Sebolt grew up at Florence, attended the district schools there, and after reaching his majority bought a small tract of land a little south and east of the village, but subsequently sold that and purchased the sixty-two acres in and adjoining the village, which place he has owned and occupied for the past twenty-four years. Under his direction it has become a highly valuable and improved farm. His home is a large ten-room modern house, painted yellow with white trimmings, and set in a lawn shaded by beautiful trees. As part of his farm equipment he has two barns, one 30x50 feet and the other 30x40 feet. He is also a fruit grower, has some fifteen hundred peach trees and six acres of apple trees besides other fruits, all of choice varieties, and he exercises a great deal of care in looking after his fruit crop. His chief industry, however, is general crops and stock. He keeps first class grades of horses, cattle and hogs, and operates a small dairy.

Mr. Sebolt was married in Berlin Heights to Miss Mary Appeman, who was born at Amherst in Lorain County, May 3, 1865, and while growing up there received a careful training in the public schools. Her parents were John and Catherine (Smith) Appeman, both natives of Germany, came to the United States before the war, and lived in Lorain County, beginning their married lives there as farmers. John Appeman died at the age of seventy-two, and his wife had also reached that age when she passed away, their deaths occurring about two years apart. They were members of the Protestant denomination, and were prosperous and highly respected people.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebolt have one daughter, Pearl E., who was born April 7, 1892, and after finishing her education married James F. Hillock, who is an electrical engineer, having graduated from Armour Institute in Chicago. In 1907 in a beauty contest Mrs. Hillock won a prize and honor, she being declared the most beautiful woman in the State of Ohio.

Mrs. Sebolt is a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Sebolt

Geo. W. Clay.

is a democrat and for nineteen consecutive years enjoyed the confidence of his fellow citizens who regularly elected him township trustee. For several years he served as chairman of the board of trustees.

David B. Nims. Seventy-five years ago David B. Nims, one of the well known and respected citizens of Groton Township, Erie County, was born on the farm he now owns and occupies. His natal day was November 18, 1840, and he is a son of Worthington and Betsy (Barnard) Nims, both born in old Massachusetts.

Worthington Nims came to Ohio from Massachusetts, settling in Erie County in the early twenties of the last century, and he was among the very earliest of the pioneers to this section of the state. He took up land, toiled early and late to make a productive spot of it, and succeeded admirably. Even in his lifetime it gave promise of being a fruitful place, and in more recent years it has been developed to the fullest extent. This pioneer citizen spent his life on that farm, and died there in 1895. He was well known and deeply respected throughout the county, and his death was accounted a great loss in his community.

His son, David B. Nims of this review, succeeded to ownership of the place on which he was born, and here he has continued to live. The breeding of blooded horses has been a part of his business, and he has enjoyed a generous measure of success in whatever enterprise he has undertaken. He followed his public school training with a course of study in the preparatory department of Oberlin College, and he was married on November 25, 1863, to Sabra Stebbins, who was born in Lynne Township, Huron County. She was a daughter of Alfred and Elida (Fanning) Stebbins, natives of Conway, Massachusetts, and New York state, respectively. Alfred Stebbins, when he first came to Ohio, located near New London and later on came to Lynne Township, in Huron County, settling near Bellevue in an early day. He was born in 1810 and was still very young when he settled in this part of the state.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nims one son was born,—Alfred S., now deceased. He married Jessie G. Wills, who makes her home with her husband's parents.

The Nims family are members of the Ridge Congregational Church, and are socially prominent in their community, where they have a wide circle of good friends. Mr. Nims has been a leader in the community, and has been the staunch friend of education all his life. He is considered one of the expert horse men of the county, and is well known for his success as a breeder and trainer. He owns land in Erie and Huron townships, aside from the old farm home on which he lives, and is among the prosperous men of Groton Township. He has the confidence and good will of all who know him, and his place in the township is most secure.

Mark E. Clary. A family that maintains its position steadily for one generation after another in one locality possesses unusual elements of strength and character. While there are a number of families who have made their homes in Erie County for almost a century, probably none of those now living have retained more of the sturdy qualities which enabled their ancestors to make homes in the wilderness than the members of the Clary family. As a family the Clarys have always been exponents of the simple and wholesome principles and ideals of life, have devoted themselves with few exceptions to farming as a vocation, and for fully a century their influence and activities have gone towards making a better community.

The founder of the family in Northern Ohio was Elihu Clary, who

was of Irish ancestry, but was born at Montague, Massachusetts, July 18, 1791. He grew up in his native state, and was married October 14, 1814, to Miss Parley Brooks, who was born October 20, 1792, of an old New England family. Not long after their marriage they determined to find a home in the new country west of the Allegheny Mountains. They employed the most primitive means of transportation, since there was neither canals nor railroads at the time, and having with great labor and hardship penetrated the wilderness finally located in the woods along the Vermilion River. The land upon which they settled is now in part owned by their descendant, Mark E. Clary, named above, and for four successive generations and a period of close upon a century one family name has been identified with this particular locality. Elihu Clary and wife possessed all the qualifications to enable them to live and make a home in the wilderness. They improved their land, but finally removed to Huron County, where Elihu died June 11, 1824, and his wife passed away June 18, 1830. In politics he was a whig.

In the next generation the descent continued through George W. Clary, who was born in the wilds of Florence Township October 28, 1818, reached manhood in time to participate in the still heavy task that confronted the settlers in this locality, and spent his active career as a farmer. He married Eliza Chandler, the ceremony that made them man and wife being performed in Florence Township September 13, 1844. She was born in that township January 23, 1821, and was a sister of Daniel Chandler, a pioneer name to which special attention is given on other pages of this work. After his marriage George W. Clary started housekeeping on the very spot now occupied by the home of his grandson, Mark E. He lived a long and useful career, passing away January 15, 1899. His wife survived until January 3, 1906. George W. Clary as a farmer and business man stood with hardly an equal in his time and generation in Erie County. The results of his energy and enterprise were represented by the accumulation of nearly 400 acres of fine farming land, divided into three farms, and improved up to the standards of his time. He and his wife were also factors in supporting all the institutions and movements that are most required in a new country, and the impress of their influence can still be seen. He was a whig and later a republican, and his activity in local affairs led to his service for three years as a county commissioner, and he also held all the local township offices. George W. Clary and wife have two sons. George C., who was born May 7, 1848, married Ella A. King. He died April 15, 1879, and his widow later married Newton Andress, under which name more particular reference to this branch of the family will be found on other pages.

Fred Martin, the older son of George W. Clary, was born at the old homestead in Florence Township August 5, 1845. That was the scene of his early rearing, but after his marriage he moved out to Greenwood in the State of Missouri for several years. While there his first child, Frank M., was born June 7, 1871. This son is now married and operates an extensive fruit and sugar cane plantation on the Island of Cuba, his children being Irma, Frederick, Esther and Frank. About 1872 the little family returned to Florence Township, locating on a farm near Birmingham, where Fred M. Clary spent the rest of his active career. He died January 9, 1887, when still in the prime of his years. He was known as a successful farmer, a citizen of good repute, and in politics was a republican. Fred M. Clary was married in Florence Township to Anna E. Morse. She was born July 11, 1846, on the farm which she still owns and occupies. After the death of Mr. Clary she married H. J. Thompson, and her home is now known as the Morse estate.

The younger of the two sons of Fred M. Clary and wife is Mark E. Clary, who was born in Florence Township near the Vermilion River April 8, 1875. All his active career has been spent in the vicinity of his birthplace, and as a boy he learned the lessons of honest toil at the home farm and gained his education in the local schools. Mr. Clary inherited from his grandfather, George W. Clary, 101 acres of the old homestead already described and has occupied it as his home and farm since 1899. This is a splendid property both in intrinsic value and improvements. Many years ago his grandfather built the large basement barn on a foundation 35x90 feet, attached to which is a large wagon and tool shed, 40x24 feet, and also a carriage house. Mr. Clary is a young and progressive agriculturist and used almost every acre of his farm for the production of the staple crops. He and his family occupy one of the best homes in the country district of Florence Township, a large fourteen-room house and in good repair.

Mr. Clary's first wife was Orpha Butcher. She was born in York, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1880, but was reared and educated in Florence Township. She died March 27, 1903. The two children who survive her are: George W., III, born October 12, 1900, and now attending the eighth grade of the public schools; and Elizabeth Orpha, who was born March 20, 1903, a few days before the death of her mother. On June 6, 1905, Mr. Clary married the sister of his first wife, Edith Butcher. She was born in York, Pennsylvania, June 2, 1883, but has lived in Erie County since 1893. At that date her parents, Henry W. and Mary E. (Dellinger) Butcher came to Erie County. Her father was born in Pennsylvania February 4, 1853, and her mother in the same state September 16, 1853, and both were of Pennsylvania Dutch stock. They were married near York, Pennsylvania, where both their daughters were born, and they now live in Elyria, Ohio, where her father is a miller. The other children in the Butcher family are: Harry L., who is a farmer and market gardener at North Ridgeville in Lorain County, and has a daughter, Elma H.; and Elmer E. Butcher, who has gained no little distinction as an expert in wireless electricity, having studied under the famous Marconi, and during the absence of Mr. Marconi to serve in the European war young Butcher has had the active management of the Marconi office in New York City, and has also supervised the equipment of many of the Government and other ocean steamships with wireless apparatus.

Mr. and Mrs. Clary have four children: Mark E., Jr., born March 9, 1906; Elmer E., born July 10, 1908; Clifford H., born August 28, 1910; and Gertrude N., born August 27, 1912. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church at Birmingham, and in politics Mr. Clary is a republican.

Henry C. Halladay. A lifelong resident of Ohio, and contributing his share of the work of the world through the medium of agriculture and stock raising, Henry C. Halladay died June 10, 1899, at his homestead farm in Huron Township, two and a half miles south of the City of Huron. The Halladay family has been identified with this section of Northern Ohio for more than a century and in every generation there have been loyal, worthy and industrial citizens. Besides his work as a farmer the late Mr. Halladay was deeply interested in all community affairs, was an active republican, and for several years served as trustee of Huron Township. In church relations he was an attendant of the Christ Episcopal Church at Huron and long served as a member of the vestry of the parish. He was also a charter member of Marks Lodge, F. & A. M., at Huron, filled several of its chairs, including that of warden.

He was born on his father's pioneer homestead in Greenfield Township of Huron County, March 30, 1832, and was sixty-seven years of age at the time of his death. His parents were Horace and Phoebe (Carpenter) Halladay, who were married in Huron County, August 19, 1829. Horace was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, October 27, 1797, and his wife in the same state, September 10, 1804. Their last years were spent in Erie County where Mrs. Halladay died March 15, 1868, and where Horace passed away September 5, 1877. After his marriage Horace Halladay became a farmer near the little Village of Greenfield in Huron County until about 1835, and then removed to Erie County, which only a few years before had been set off from Huron County, and much of which was still sparsely settled and little developed. Five years later Horace Halladay bought a farm on what became known as Sand Road, three miles south of Huron Village. After the death of his first wife Horace Halladay married Mrs. Eliza Tinney, and they finally moved from the farm to the Village of Huron. The second wife of Horace Halladay, who died at the age of seventy-five, had a daughter Helen by her first marriage, and this daughter is now the wife of J. S. McDonald, an Erie County farmer.

Horace Halladay was a son of Eli and Catherine (Stephens) Halladay, both natives of Vermont, where Eli was born May 25, 1763, and Catherine February 10, 1763. Eli Halladay lived for a number of years in Huron Township of Erie County, where he died May 31, 1849, and his wife on February 5, 1842. Their remains are now at rest in the Scott Cemetery in Milan Township, where are to be found the graves of many other Erie County pioneers. Eli Halladay and wife were married in Vermont August 25, 1785, and in the early years of the nineteenth century they came with their family to the Western Reserve of Ohio, settling in Huron County more than a century ago, where Eli reclaimed the farm from the wilderness.

The parents of Eli Halladay were Daniel and Anna Halladay. Daniel was born in Vermont, February 26, 1736, and died in Huron County, Ohio, January 19, 1818. It is supposed that his wife was also a native of Vermont and she was born August 30, 1838, and died February 25, 1819. They were already advanced in years when they came to Ohio, and probably accompanied their son Eli on his removal to this section of the Western Reserve. In this ancestral line of several generations it is interesting to note that Eli Halladay, though only a youth at the time, served as a patriot soldier in the War of the Revolution, and was with the organization known in history as the "Green Mountain Boys." For generations the Halladay family were members of the Presbyterian Church, and Eli Halladay was familiarly known as Deacon Halladay, and his son Horace filled a similar position. However, Henry C. Halladay, as already noted, became a member of the Episcopal Church through the influence of his wife.

In Huron Township of Erie County, February 1, 1865, Henry Carpenter Halladay married Miss Maria Louise Shook. She spent all her life in Erie County and died May 24, 1904. Her parents were John and Eliza (Kline) Shook, pioneer settlers. A brief record of the children of Henry C. and Louise Halladay is found in the following paragraphs:

Lorena Frances, who was born August 9, 1867, graduated from the Milan Normal School in 1887, was one of the first teachers in the Huron High School, and on November 13, 1889, married Dr. Lewis H. McDonald. He is a graduate in dentistry from the University of Michigan, and for a number of years has been in successful practice in the City of Norwalk. Dr. and Mrs. McDonald have four children: Lewis, the oldest, graduated from the United States Naval Academy

at Annapolis in 1915, and is now serving in the navy; Eleanor Louise graduated from the Norwalk High School in 1911, and is now in a nurses training school in Cleveland; Robert Talmadge is a member of the class of 1918 in the University of Michigan; Elspeth Lucinda was born in 1911.

Phoebe E. Halladay was born July 24, 1869, and died October 4, 1908. Her husband, William T. Morse of Lyndon, Vermont, survives her with two children, Louise Alice and Ralph H.

Rose Mary Halladay was born in 1871 and died in infancy, and the next in order of birth was named Mary Louise. She was born December 26, 1872, graduated from the Huron High School in 1892, and is now the wife of Edward R. Hilton, their home being at Huron Village. Mr. Hilton, a native of Michigan, is in the lumber business. Their children are Ruth E. and Edward R. Jr.

Austin Patterson Halladay, born July 2, 1878, graduated from the Huron High School in 1896 and died February 27, 1898.

Martha Halladay, the youngest, was born May 25, 1882, graduated from the Sandusky Business College and is now a professional nurse, with home at Cleveland.

Fifth in order of birth among the children is John Shook Halladay, who was born January 19, 1876. He graduated from the Huron High School in 1894, and was on the old homestead farm, assisting in its work and management until 1904. Since then his home has been in Huron. He was with a Sandusky firm in the handling of farm implements and machinery as local representative until 1909, then for two years traveled on the road selling a similar line of goods, and has since been traveling representative in Ohio for the J. L. & H. Stadler Fertilizer Company of Cleveland.

Active in Masonry, Mr. Halladay is past master of Marks Lodge No. 359, F. & A. M. at Huron; is past patron of the local chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, in which his wife is past matron; is affiliated with Erie Commandery No. 23, Knights Templar in Sandusky; and with the Scottish Rite Consistory at Toledo. He is a republican in politics, and since 1908 has been a member of the Huron Board of Education, of which he is now clerk and was formerly president. He is also a member of the United Commercial Travelers Association.

At Sandusky, January 1, 1901, John S. Halladay married Miss Florence E. Hodgins. She was born at Sandusky, August 20, 1879, graduated from high school in 1897. They have two children: Eleanor M., born November 12, 1901; and Catherine, born June 26, 1903. Mr. Halladay is a member of the vestry of the Christ Episcopal Church, while Mrs. Halladay was reared in and is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Jesse C. Clark. The activities of Jesse C. Clark have made him widely known throughout Erie and Northern Ohio both in business and agricultural circles. His best achievement as a farmer has been in the developing and production of high grade seeds, particularly corn. "Clark's Yellow Dent Corn" is a proved variety of high excellence and is considered by expert judges to be one of the most prolific and best adapted corn for the climate and soil of Northern Ohio. Besides growing this seed for the market, Mr. Clark is likewise a general farmer and a buyer and shipper of live stock.

His birth occurred in Margaretta Township of Erie County, March 26, 1867. His parents were William and Diantha (Wilson) Clark. His father was born in England and his mother was a native of Erie County, of New England family. William Clark came to America between 1848 and 1850 and located in Margaretta Township, lived

there more than a quarter of a century, after which he took his family to Wood County, Ohio, and still later went to Arkansas, in which state he died in 1905. In politics he was a republican.

The only resident of Erie County among the seven surviving children is Jesse C. Clark, who spent the first ten years of his life in Margaretta Township, then lived with the family in Wood County, and completed his education by two years at the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso. For ten years Mr. Clark was in the life and accident insurance business, and with headquarters at Sandusky covered the territory of Erie and four adjoining counties. In the meantime he had become interested in farming and in raising seed and buying live stock, and in 1914 located on the present farm in Perkins Township on South Hayes Avenue.

Mr. Clark married Fannie J. Waldock, daughter of the late Frederick D. Waldock, who was a prominent farmer and influential citizen of Perkins Township. To their marriage were born three children: Ruth F., Jesse D. and Charles F. He is independent in politics and is a citizen whose business and personal record entitled him to the high confidence which he enjoys.

Theodore E. Welch. One of the widely known places of Erie County is the Boulder Stock and Seed Farm, the proprietor of which is Theodore E. Welch. Mr. Welch is one of the men who have brought Erie County forward as a prosperous agricultural center. Endowed with more than average ability and backed by shrewd business judgment and determination, he has prospered not altogether along the routine of the average agriculturist, but has introduced progressive elements which have served to increase his own influence and prosperity and has made the Boulder Stock and Seed Farm a model institution of its kind.

His family has been identified with Erie County for a great many years, and he was himself born in Vermilion Township, February 5, 1863. His parents were Thomas and Emily (Ball) Welch. His father was born in Waterville, Ireland, in 1835, and came of an old Irish Catholic family. In 1855, about the time he reached his majority, and when still single, he took passage on a sailing vessel which brought him to New York City, and from there he came on to Erie County to join his brother and sister, John and Bridget Welch, who had come to this locality a year or so before and had located in Vermilion Township. This brother and sister never married, and spent their lives in Henrietta Township, where John died at the age of seventy and she passed away when eighty years of age. Another brother, Robert, lived and died in Ireland and had a large family of children. It was after coming to Erie County that Thomas Welch met and married Miss Emily Ball. She was born in Vermilion Township about seventy-five years ago and represents an old family. Her parents, Jesse and Susan (Gilbert) Ball, were of New England ancestry but were married in New York state, whence they came to Erie County. They located in the midst of the wild woods of Vermilion Township, and there in a log cabin set out with earnest purpose and with the true ambition of homemakers to effect a clearing in the wilderness, and so wisely did they direct their labors that eventually they had a valuable farm and spent their remaining years in comfort. Mr. Ball died there at the age of seventy-five and his wife at eighty-two. They were fine people of the pioneer class, and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he served for years as a deacon. In politics he was a democrat. A part of the Ball homestead is now owned by a grandson of its original proprietor, Elbert B. Welch, a brother of Theodore.

After his marriage Thomas Welch and wife took possession of a portion of the Ball estate, and lived there until the spring of 1889, when they moved into Florence Township, and bought one hundred and seventeen acres of the Hiram Smith farm on the Central Ridge Road. This land is now the home of Theodore E. Welch, and comprises the greater portion of the Boulder Stock and Seed Farm. Thomas Welch died there in 1900, having survived his wife four years. He always remained loyal to the church in which he was reared, was a republican in politics and filled several minor offices in the township with credit. He and his wife had only two sons, and the younger, Elbert B., has already been mentioned and is married and has a son named Earl and a daughter named Velma.

The first seventeen years of his life Theodore E. Welch spent in his native township of Vermilion, and while there attended school, but completed his education in Florence Township after his parents moved to the farm he now occupies. For a time he was a student in the Masons Corners school. After his marriage he took over the management of the homestead of 117 acres, and his own progressive industry and ability have enabled him to increase his real estate holdings, having added seventy-two acres of adjoining land, and is also the owner of sixty acres in another part of the township. All this land is first class farming property, and slack methods and negligence have no evidence on the Boulder Stock and Seed Farm. Mr. Welch has succeeded in growing all the staple crops, but in recent years has made somewhat of a specialty in raising sweet corn for seed, planting about six acres of that crop and having a large dry house specially constructed for curing the crops. He also has about fifteen acres of potatoes. One of the noteworthy improvements on the farm is a barn standing on a foundation 55x80 feet, and his home is a large white house. He has found it profitable to keep only the best grades of stock, including horses, cattle and sheep, and an important source of his revenue is a herd of fourteen head of Holstein dairy cattle. Mr. Welch is a thrifty farmer, and handles his business with all the promptness and dispatch which a successful merchant or manufacturer would use. Another feature of his farm is an orchard of fifteen acres, while he has a vineyard covering about one acre.

In his home township Mr. Welch married Miss Carrie Welz. She was born in Oxford Township, of German parents, who spent most of their lives in Florence Township. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Welch. The oldest, Norris T., now twenty-two years of age, was educated in the common schools, high school, Oberlin Business College, and in preparation for his work as a practical agriculturist took a course in the Agricultural College of the State University, and is now a valuable assistant to his father. Lynn B., the next in age, seventeen, is completing the work of the high school. Arline, aged eleven, and Delorse, are both in school, while the two younger are Carmen, aged five, and Kent, aged three. Mr. Welch and his oldest son are both republicans in politics.

Peter J. Hermes. A long and active career as a fisherman in Lake Erie has been followed by quiet retirement at his home in Huron, where Mr. Hermes has lived more than forty-five years, and where he is easily one of the most prominent citizens. He has taken an active part in public affairs, has served as mayor and is now a member of the town council, and his life has always been on a high plane of endeavor and principles.

Peter J. Hermes was born at the Village of Klatten, near the river Rhine in Prussia, December 22, 1842. The family goes back through substantial German stock for a number of generations, and they have

all been loyal Catholics. Peter Hermes, his father, died at Klatten in 1907, having spent his entire life there. He was a master shoemaker by trade. Peter Hermes married Anna Maynzer, who died in 1848 in the prime of life leaving five sons. Antone, the oldest, was twice married, left a large family, and was a shoemaker by trade. Hubbard, who lived with his brother Peter until his death, June 6, 1915, at the age of seventy-four, was for many years a Lake Erie fisherman. The third son is Peter J. Theodore H. who was born in 1844 and died in 1876, followed his brother Peter to the United States, and they lived together until Theodore's death. Jacob, who was born in 1848, is a shoemaker still living in the old country, and has children by two marriages.

After the death of his mother, Peter J. Hermes spent most of his early youth in the home of Philip Engers, who was postmaster of the town. While in that home he was taught and became skilled in the business of grape growing. He had his share of military service, and participated in the war of 1866 against Austria. After his discharge he determined to come to America. He left Rotterdam, Holland, on a sailing vessel, the Cornelius Krennel, Captain Spencer's boat. The boat touched at England and after a voyage of twenty-eight days landed in New York City, March 28, 1868. Mr. Hermes went direct to Sandusky, and soon after applied for his first papers of naturalization, and has for many years been a loyal American citizen. After about a year of employment on a farm he removed to Huron, and began work as a Lake Erie fisherman for the firm of Clark Bros., who were at that time among the largest operators in the fishing industry out of the port of Huron. He continued with that firm until 1882, and then began operating as a fisherman with Nicholas C. Scott, under the style of Hermes & Scott, they having purchased the Clark Brothers Fishing Industries. They operated with pound nets, and did a large business together until 1904. In that year Mr. Hermes lost his wife, and sold out his business and has since lived retired, spending a quiet life at his fine home on Huron Street. Though more than seventy-two years of age he is still well preserved both in mind and body.

In June, 1872, Mr. Hermes was married in Perkins Township to Margaretta Hermes. She was born in the same community as her husband in 1845, and in 1852 was brought to the United States and to Perkins in Erie County by her parents Nicholas and Margaret (Gibbert) Hermes. They made the voyage in a sailing vessel, and spent weeks in crossing the ocean. Nicholas Hermes and wife lived on and improved forty acres of land, and in the early days their home was a log house. He and his wife died when past seventy years of age, and both were members of the Catholic faith. Mrs. Hermes was one of five sons and two daughters, and most of them are still living and have families of their own. Mrs. Hermes died at her home in Erie County, in 1904. She was active in the Catholic Church and a much loved and respected woman, and in all her relations was true and faithful. While she had no children of her own she gave her home and care to the rearing of three adopted children: Emma Seawell; Rebecca Hermes, who was a relative; and Christine Hermes, who is still unmarried.

Mr. Hermes is a democrat and has had a long career of active service in the Village of Huron. He was a member of the town council for sixteen years and was twice elected to the office of mayor, having a large majority both times he went into office. He is still serving on the town council. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Maccabees and is a Knight Templar Mason, having filled several chairs in the different bodies of that order. Formerly he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

RICHARD JARRETT. Since Erie County was first settled by white men many lives have entered into the fabric of its civilization and have served in one way or another to give form and structure to the life of the county as a whole. It was no insignificant contribution that the late Richard Jarrett made. While he followed the commonplace activities and never sought the wide recognition which goes with the exceptional and perhaps abnormal currents of state and national affairs, in his own community he did a work and lived a life that can be truly called exemplary. It was his good fortune early in life to be joined in marriage with a lady whose lovable nature has for years commanded the greatest respect of all who know her. Mrs. Jarrett since the death of her husband has lived in Berlin Heights, and has one of the most attractive homes in that village.

The late Richard Jarrett was born in London, England, September 19, 1839, and died in Berlin Township of Erie County, March 9, 1907. He came of English lineage and parentage. In 1851 he and his father, Moses, crossed the ocean on a sailing vessel between Liverpool and New York City, and thence proceeded directly to Erie County, locating in Berlin Township. Here the father and his small son rented a farm which had a log house on it. They reached this country with no capital to speak of, and with only the resources of their hands and intelligent labor started to provide a home for a larger family. During the following year they worked eagerly and constantly, and with the proceeds of their labors were able to bring to this country the mother and the remaining children, whose names were Sarah, William, Ann, George, Mary A., Emily and Charles. Moses Jarrett and his wife reared this family of children until all were grown and were married. They were hard working people, and as long as they lived in Erie County commanded the wholesome respect of all their neighbors. They died, Moses at the age of seventy-five and his wife at seventy, and are both buried in Washburn cemetery.

Richard Jarrett was twelve years old when he came with his father to Erie County. It was a rough sea voyage, and a large part of the household possessions with which they started were lost. Thus they began their housekeeping in the log cabin in Berlin Township with the crudest of furniture. They used blocks of wood for chairs, and it was a long and gradual process by which they in time surrounded themselves with the ordinary comforts of living. Richard Jarrett grew up a hard working, industrious and thrifty young man, and though only twelve years of age when he reached Erie County he soon found work which enabled him to be more than self supporting. During his first year he saved twelve dollars out of his earnings, and this was contributed to the fund which enabled his mother and his brothers and sisters to come to America. His early employment was largely in cutting logs and making rails at wages of seventy-five cents a day, boarding himself.

When he was about twenty years of age he married and he and his brave young wife assumed the heavy responsibilities of facing the world with nothing but willing hearts and eager hands. After a number of years of self-sacrificing toil and economy Richard Jarrett in 1870 bought twenty acres at Mason's Corners in Berlin Township. After a few years there he traded for eighty acres of land in another section of the same township, and that in turn was traded for 150 acres of fine land on which he built a large house and barn. He developed the fertile soil and lived there with increasing prosperity for nearly forty years. Before his death his holdings aggregated 300 acres, and nearly every acre was under improvement and represented a value well up to the highest standard of Erie County farm land. Mr. Jarrett

was peculiarly successful in handling and raising stock. On his farm he kept horses, cattle, hogs and sheep, and probably none of his contemporaries had a greater ability in handling sheep. He bestowed upon his stock the greatest care, and one of the strong traits of his character was his love for domestic animals. With his industry he combined good judgment, had a fine business sense, and it is not surprising that he prospered beyond the ordinary. At the same time he walked in a straight path of personal and civic rectitude and honor, and the respect he enjoyed at the hands of his fellow citizens was well illustrated by the various honors bestowed upon him in the shape of public offices. He served as township trustee and in other positions and was quite a factor in the republican party in his township. A short time before his death he had retired from the active responsibilities of farming.

On November 12, 1858, at Norwalk Mr. Jarrett married Miss Jane Miller. She was born in Florence, Erie County, May 23, 1839. When she was thirteen years old her father Levi Miller died at the age of forty-nine. He was born in one of the New England states and by trade was a cooper. By his first marriage he had two daughters. Mrs. Jarrett was the oldest child and only daughter of five children born to her mother, Harriet Saunders by maiden name. Miss Saunders was born in New York state and came to Erie County with her parents when a young woman. She died in Florence Township. She had survived her husband nearly half a century, and was eighty-four years of age at the time of her death, and was notable for her fine Christian character. One of Mrs. Jarrett's brothers, Levi, died during the Civil war as a result of sickness contracted at Nashville, Tennessee. Another brother, Charles, is still living at Wauseon in Fulton County, Ohio, a successful farmer, married and the father of three children.

Since the death of Mr. Jarrett Mrs. Jarrett has built a beautiful home of twelve rooms in Berlin Heights. It is one of the most convenient and most modern houses in that village, and is an attractive place for the evening of life of a woman whose early experiences were the sharing of hardships with her husband and whose own sterling worth and encouragement have been most important factors in the success gained between them. Mrs. Jarrett was the mother of two children. Hattie A. is still living at home. Robert W., who was well educated and is a successful farmer near Norwalk in Huron County, married Lucy Limebach, who is of German parentage, and they have three children, Richard J., Helen Janetta, and an infant as yet unnamed.

David Riedy. He whose name introduces this review has been a resident of Erie County from the time of his birth and is a scion of a well known pioneer family. His father was one of the very early settlers on Kelley's Island, which is an integral part of Erie County. David Riedy himself was born on that island and in his independent career has been most prominently identified with agricultural pursuits and fruit-growing in his native county, where he is influential in public affairs, having served three terms as county commissioner. He resides upon his farm in Perkins Township and the greater part of the same is devoted to fruit-culture and incidental agriculture of a diversified order, besides which he has done a successful business as a contractor in the construction of roads.

Mr. Riedy was born on Kelley's Island, this county, on the 21st of November, 1856, and is a son of John and Catherine (Goodman) Riedy, both of whom were born and reared in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany. John Riedy immigrated to the United States about the year 1848 and soon after his arrival in this country he came to

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Ohio, as a stonemason, assisted in the erection of the Old West House, one of the pioneer hotels of importance in Sandusky. In the following year, 1849, he removed to Kelley's Island and his was the distinction of having laid out and assisted in planting the first vineyard on that island, which now has a national reputation for the production of fine grapes. He assisted also in erecting the first schoolhouse on the island and in clearing a portion of the island of its forest trees and underbrush, an ox team having been utilized in connection with this work. For a time he conducted a grocery store and incidental liquor business and he continued his residence on the island for a number of years. Impaired health finally caused him to leave Kelley's Island and he finally established his home on a tract of land in Perkins County, where he developed fine vineyards and engaged also in the raising of various fruits other than grapes. On this homestead he and his wife continued to reside until their death and both attained to advanced age. Of their children eight are now living, only one of the entire number who attained adult age having passed away: Joseph is a resident of Sandusky; David, of this sketch, was the next in order of birth; Adolph resides in Perkins Township; Mary is deceased; Catherine is the wife of Charles Nesselhauf, of Margaretta Township, this county; John resides on Kelley's Island; Henry now maintains his home in Adams County, Colorado; Frank is a resident of Margaretta Township; and Frederick is a farmer and fruitgrower of Perkins Township. The father, John Riedy, was a staunch democrat in his political proclivities and both he and his wife were communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sandusky.

David Riedy was but four years of age at the time of the family removal from Kelley's Island to Perkins Township, where he was reared to manhood and where he was afforded the advantages of the district schools, besides having attended the parochial school of St. Mary's Church in Sandusky. For many years he has been one of the successful agriculturists and fruit-growers of Erie County and for several years he devoted considerable attention also to the raising of live stock. His present homestead comprises sixty acres of land, all of which is given scientific treatment and maintained at the highest point of fertility, the place being known as one of the best farms in Erie County. The energies of Mr. Riedy have been extended also in the business of contracting in various lines of public work, especially in the construction of roads and highways. He has been a worker in the local ranks of the democratic party and served three terms, or a total of seven years, in the important office of county commissioner,—a position in which he advocated and supported progressive measures and policies. He has represented his party at various state conventions in Ohio, as well as in its county and congressional convention, his work as a delegate having been of a vigorous and loyal order. He is affiliated with the Catholic Order of Foresters, and both he and his wife are communicants of the Catholic Church, in which they are members of the parish of St. Mary's Church in Sandusky.

Mr. Riedy married Miss Matilda Sartor, who likewise was born and reared in this county and who is a daughter of the late Jacob Sartor; long a representative farmer in Huron Township. Mr. and Mrs. Riedy have nine children, namely: Raymond S., Irene, Hildegard, Chester, Elsie, Lawrence, Mary, Ruth and Aneta.

Sheridan P. Jordan. A veteran in railroading service, Sheridan P. Jordan is now roadmaster for the New York Central Lines at Sandusky. He has been through all the grades of railroad construction service, and has been employed by several different companies, having worked in

some capacity with the railroads for about thirty-five years. He is well known and popular in railroad circles and a citizen of Sandusky whose record should be stated in this publication.

He was born March 3, 1865, in Tipton, Ohio, a son of Edmond and Matilda (Smith) Jordan. His father was born in England and Sheridan P. was the fifth in a family of eight children. His early education was acquired in the district schools of Lucas County, Ohio.

Like many other young men who enter railroad life he did his first work as a water boy, carrying water to the laborers on the railroad track. He finally was taken into the regular service of the Cloverleaf Railroad, and became foreman, and continued with this road fifteen years. He next went to the Lake Shore Railroad as foreman, and for nine years was stationed in the Collingwood Yards. He was faithful in all details of his duties and has the qualities which make him a leader of men. He was finally promoted to general foreman of construction work for the Erie Division of the Lake Shore, and after serving three years he was made roadmaster, about the time the Lake Shore was absorbed by the New York Central lines. He has since been stationed at Sandusky as roadmaster, and is now in one of the most responsible posts, and enjoys the confidence of the many who worked under his supervision and of his superior officers.

Mr. Jordan is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and in politics is independent. In 1885 he married Miss Nellie Harvey, of Maumee, Ohio. Their three children are named Nelson H., Hazel and Carl.

Harry G. Carter. One of the farm homes of Florence Township that represents comfort, intelligent enterprise, and profitable management, is that of Harry G. Carter, located on the East Vermilion River Road. To mention the name of Carter is sufficient introduction to any member of this well known family in Erie County. The Carters have lived here since the earliest pioneer times, and those of the first generation hewed their farms out of the wilderness. Mr. Carter has not been an agriculturist all his active career, but was identified with different industrial and commercial pursuits, but finally becoming dissatisfied with the routine and restrictions of a position in which he was subordinate to the wills of others, he sought the better opportunities of a wholesome country environment.

His birth occurred on the old Carter homestead situated on the Butler Road in Florence Township June 25, 1869. His parents were John R. and Ada A. (Gould) Carter. His father was also a native of Florence Township, and was a son of Robert and Agnes (Clark) Carter. This worthy couple, who in their time represented many of the finest traits of citizenship in a pioneer community, were both natives of Scotland. Grandfather Carter was born at Ealston March 24, 1810, while his wife was born in the City of Edinburg August 25, 1810. While a young man he found employment as clerk in a mercantile concern at Edinburg, and was married there February 29, 1832. He soon afterward took his young wife to America, spending six or seven weeks on a sailing vessel in crossing the ocean, and from New York he went up the Hudson River and across New York State on the Erie Canal to Buffalo. While passing the various stages of the journey by canal boat he became acquainted with the Hutchinson family, whose destination was Florence Township in Erie County. Robert Carter and wife had no particular location in mind, merely planning to make a home somewhere in the new western country. Their acquaintance with the Hutchinsons caused them to locate also in Florence Township, where Robert Carter took up forty acres of land. It was perhaps as wild a part of the woodland as could be found anywhere in the county. Few men ventured out into this western wilderness with less preliminary training than Robert Carter

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Julia A. Carter.

and his young wife. He was little used to hard manual labor and his wife had been reared in the comforts and conveniences of a metropolitan city. One of his first accomplishments on reaching his wilderness home was to start clearing the forest. With no proficiency in the handling of the ax, he made a hagling job of cutting down the first tree and hacked it completely around before it finally fell. A part of that tree is still preserved, being a timber under the porch of the first house which he built, and the roots are still in the ground nearby. Robert Carter soon developed skill in the use of the ax and of all the implements of husbandry, and by hard work succeeded in clearing up a considerable tract of land, working up the trees into rails and planting the cleared space with his first crops of grain. This forty acres they developed into a first class homestead. In these modern times people take a great deal of pride in articles of old furniture, of the handsome and durable type, made after the designs of some of the great artists in furniture making of a century ago. It will be of interest to say that Robert Carter and wife brought with them across the ocean and into their wilderness home in Northern Ohio a number of pieces of solid mahogany furniture, and the chairs have been carefully passed on from one generation to the other, and are now prized possessions in the homes of their different grandchildren. Mrs. Carter was one of the finest types of pioneer home makers and mothers. She had been well trained in her Scotch home, and had developed special skill as a dressmaker. She met the conditions of the New World with remarkable courage and readily adapted herself to the simple customs and proprieties which governed society in Northern Ohio nearly a century ago. Accustomed to dress after the fashion of her home city, she was not willing to offend her neighbors by ostentatious display, and after coming to this country sold some of her fine rings as articles that could not well be worn in their new country. For a number of years she was the only woman who attended church dressed in a fine bonnet. Robert Carter was a giant physically, stood nearly seven feet high, and weighed more than 200 pounds. However, the constant and back-breaking work of pioneering undermined his constitution, and he finally suffered a stroke of paralysis that ultimately brought about his death when still in the prime of his years on November 15, 1865. His wife survived him until July 12, 1872. While by birth and training she was a fine lady, she busied herself with all the homely vocations of a housekeeper in early Erie County, and was highly esteemed for her kindness and neighborliness. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Robert Carter voted first with the whigs and later with the republicans.

The only child of these worthy pioneers was John Robert Carter, who was born on the old Carter homestead in Erie County February 29, 1836, just four years to the day after the marriage of his parents. After growing to manhood he succeeded to the ownership of the homestead and under his own management increased its acreage to 87½ acres and improved and developed it in many ways. He constructed some substantial buildings, and at home and in his relations as a citizen gave a most excellent account of himself. For several years in his earlier life he taught school. His death occurred February 28, 1901. He was a man of excellent address, large and portly, though not of the manly frame of his father. He was a man highly respected and for a number of years served as township trustee, and at one time was candidate for county auditor, though his home was in a portion of the county which made it difficult for anyone residing there to aspire to such a position. Politically he was a republican.

John R. Carter was married first on July 2, 1862, to July H. Graves,

and one child blessed this union, Clara A., who married Carl Boehm on September 8, 1897, and they have several children. Mr. Carter married for his second wife, in Fredonia, New York, May 20, 1868, Miss Adelaide A. Gould. She was born in that section of New York State September 1, 1842, and met Mr. Carter while on a visit to Erie County, Ohio. She died at her home May 8, 1899, leaving two sons, Harry G. and Marvin G. The latter is now a locomotive engineer on the Lake Shore Railway living at Toledo. He began railroading as a fireman with that road in August, 1889, and soon rose to command an engine of his own. He has been twice married, first to Bessie Taylor, and had one child by that marriage. For his second wife Marvin G. Carter married Della Blair, of Vermilion, Ohio, and they have children, Howard, Gertrude and Maurice. John R. Carter married for his third wife, November 28, 1900, Mrs. Rose R. Howard, who is now living in Birmingham, Ohio.

On the old farm in Florence Township Harry G. Carter spent his youth and boyhood days. He was liberally educated and had home associations and traditions which could only inspire him to right and useful manhood. He graduated from the business college at Oberlin with the class of 1890 and soon afterwards became a partner of F. Burk in conducting a general store at Wakeman, Ohio. A year later he returned to the farm and managed his wife's old estate for several years. Then for one year he was a fireman on the Lake Shore Railroad, from that a position as motorman on the Lake Shore Electric Line, and finally became a clerk in the Lake Shore freight office at Elyria, Ohio. After these varied activities in a business way Mr. Carter in 1910, having sold his portion of the old homestead, bought 108 acres on the East Vermilion Road. This is his present farm, which in improvements and crops measures up to almost any standard set by Erie County farming. In a recent season Mr. Carter produced from his land 700 bushels of wheat, 400 bushels of oats, crops of corn and potatoes, and has a fine apple orchard of twelve acres. His farm home is one of the best in that section of the county, comprising an eleven-room house. He also has two barns, the larger 32x50 feet, with other buildings for the shelter of his cattle and horses, and he keeps a number of hogs on his farm.

On October 22, 1892, in Wakeman Township of Huron County Mr. Carter married Julia A. Denman. Her parents were William and Julia (Partello) Denman. Her father was born in Florence Township and her mother in Michigan, and after their marriage they located on a farm in Wakeman Township of Huron County. Her father died in December, 1892, and her mother is still living, making her home in Norwalk. The Denmans were among the most prominent early settlers of Erie County, and William Denman's father Martin came from New York State. He is assigned the credit of being one of the original "Johnny Appleseeds" of this country. Going back to New York State he returned on foot carrying a bag of apple seeds, which he distributed among his neighbors, and from these seeds were produced many of the first orchards in this section of the state. Martin Denman died in Florence Township, when quite an old man.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Carter have been born two children. Harold D., born February 17, 1900, is a promising young man now a student in the Wakeman High School. Juva L., born December 15, 1903, is now attending the local grade schools. Mrs. Carter is an active member of the Wakeman Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Carter's parents were among the most active members of that church at Birmingham, gave liberally to its support and his father served for many years as a trustee. In his relations with the community Mr. Car-

ter has a record of two terms of service as township trustee. He was elected to that office on the republican ticket. Mr. Carter's political views are now in harmony with the socialist party.

GEORGE OSWALD. During the long and active career of George Oswald, of Sandusky, he has been engaged in a variety of pursuits, and since 1908 has occupied the position of county commissioner of Erie County. While he has been in politics for only seven years, he is known as one of his community's most influential democrats, and his personal worth, integrity and general popularity make him a strong and valuable man in the ranks of his party. Mr. Oswald was born at Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio, January 1, 1865, and is a son of Andrew and Helen (Frey) Oswald, the former a native of Bavaria, Germany, and the latter of Switzerland.

Andrew Oswald came to the United States after reaching years of maturity, and about the year 1850 came to Erie County, Ohio, and located at Sandusky, on what is now Brown Street, where he passed the remaining years of his life, his death occurring in 1906. He was by trade a cabinetmaker and also operated a milk dairy for a number of years, continuing actively engaged in business until his death, although he was then in his eightieth year. He was a republican in his political views, although not an active politician. Of the large family of children born to Andrew and Helen Oswald, eight survive: Aloysius, of Sandusky, Ohio; Frances, who is the wife of Herman Otto, of Perkins Township, Erie County; Mary, who is the wife of Charles Jones, of Sterling, Michigan; John, a resident of Sandusky; Paulina, who is the wife of Bernard Queenan, of Toledo; George, of this notice; Andrew, a resident of Sandusky; and Julius, of Toledo, Ohio. Three children are deceased, namely: Margaret, Frederick and Joseph. The father was an exceptionally well-read and well-informed man, particularly in German literature and upon German subjects. While not a politician, he always took an interest in the success of his party as it affected the welfare of his community, and when he died Sandusky lost one of its most valued and public-spirited citizens. One of his sons, John Oswald, served on the board of public service for some years and was likewise a member of the Sandusky City Council for a period.

George Oswald was reared to man's estate at Sandusky and received his education in Saint Mary's Parochial School. He early displayed his ambition and industry by securing employment, and for more than twenty-two years was an employe of the Sandusky Street Railway Company and later of the Lake Shore Electric Company, as a car conductor. During fourteen years of this period he had a run on the Milan Division of the Lake Shore Electric Company between Sandusky and Norwalk, mainly as conductor. The Sandusky Street Railway Company, by which he was first employed, merged into the Lake Shore Electric Railway Company, of which system it is now a part. During his career as a railroad man Mr. Oswald formed a wide acquaintance, in which he numbered many friends, a fact which was to prove of material benefit to him when he entered politics and public life. In November, 1908, he was first elected a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Erie County, for a term of two years. He subsequently was the victor in the elections of 1910, 1912 and 1914, and is now serving his fourth term, as a democrat. He has shown himself a capable and conscientious public servant, alive to the needs of his community and its people and faithful in his efforts to secure improvements for his native city. He is a member of Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Oswald was married to Anna Werner, who was also born at Sandusky, daughter of the late Joseph Werner, of Sandusky. Five children

have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Oswald, as follows: George J., who is a resident of Milan, Ohio; Edna K., who resides at Sandusky; Elmer P., whose home is at Elyria, Ohio; and Lester and Norman, who reside with their parents.

Fred A. Siggens. Not all of Fred A. Siggens' maturer years have been spent in farming pursuits, but he has been identified with that industry since 1885, and in that time has established himself among the most reliable agriculturists of Florence Township. He has owned various properties in and about the township, but his present holdings are represented by an eighty-four-acre tract which he secured by purchase in 1909. This farm is in a highly improved state and is one of the best kept and most productive spots in the vicinity.

Fred A. Siggens is of English birth and parentage. He was born Herfordshire, England, on November 22, 1859, and is a son of John and Mary Ann (Collins) Siggens, both natives of Herford. They were born in about 1836 and 1838, respectively, and were the children of English parents. James Siggens, paternal grandfather of the subject, was a contractor and builder, and he lived and died in his native shire. He was seventy-two years old when he passed away and his wife was some years older than her husband at her death. John Siggens was one of their sixteen children. Others in the family were William, David, James, George, Thomas, Edward, Ann, Charlotte, Emma, Mary A. and Millie. George and John came to the United States. The former was a brickmason and he settled in Sandusky, Ohio, there engaging in that work, and still has a home on First Street of that city.

John Siggens had but little education in England. He there learned the trade of a brickmason, and in early manhood married Mary Ann Collins, a daughter of an old family of Herfordshire. Her mother died young, though her father lived past his eightieth year. These young people were the parents of three sons and one daughter when they sailed for America on the steamer Peruvian in the autumn of 1870. They landed at Quebec, coming thence to Sandusky, where the father took up his trade, which he plied for about twelve years. Then he went to Perkins Township, Erie County, and made his home there until his death, on December 24, 1913. His wife passed away in 1909. Five children were born to them: Fred; Alfred, a sailor, who married Alma Matson, and has two children, Gladys and Ray; Albion, a Huron County farmer, married Myra Staley, and has three daughters, Elsie, Beulah and Grace; Florence, deceased, who married Frank Sharp, and their children are Bert, Ida May and Alma; and George, who was born after the arrival of the family in Sandusky, died at the age of eighteen months.

Up to the age of ten years Fred Siggens was given such educational advantages as their native community afforded,, and after coming to this country he finished a course in the Sandusky High School. Later he became identified with the stonemason's trade, which he followed for some time, and still later he turned his attention to farming. He successfully operated the Truman Taylor farm for eleven years, and that experience was sufficient to convince him that he wanted a farm of his own. He accordingly purchased a place in Perkins Township, ran it eleven years, and bought another farm of 144½ acres on the State Road in Florence Township. This place he also sold after about a year of ownership, at a reasonable advance in the price, after which he purchased his present farm of eighty-four acres on the Butler Road, near Birmingham. His success in the farming industry has been marked, and his present home is one of the most attractive in the community. The buildings are ample and appropriate, and add much to the comfort and wellbeing of the family. The house, a well-planned nine-room structure,

F. A. Siggens

Mrs. Lillie E. Siggens

is most attractive, and a barn, 32 by 60 feet in dimensions, indicates that the place is highly productive, as indeed it is. The success that has been Mr. Siggens' portion may well be said to have come as the direct result of his own good management, for he has won his present position unaided by any of those more fortunate circumstances that have been the material allies of so many so-called successful men. Thrift, integrity, good judgment and long acquaintance with hard work have been Mr. Siggens' aids through life.

Mr. Siggens married Lillie E. Weeks, who was born in New York City July 19, 1863, and came to Perkins Township, Erie County, while still very young. She was adopted by the family of Elisha Storrs, who cared for her and gave her such advantages as were within their means. To them have been born six children. Nelson, William and Gertrude live at home; Clara, the wife of William Glime, lives in Lorain County, Ohio, and has two children, Lucille and Lillian, and John and Emma.

Mr. and Mrs. Siggens are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are active in its support. Mr. Siggens is a republican and he is a leader in the political labors of the community. He has twice served as a member of the board of education, and has done excellent work in the interests of the schools of the township. He has been a member of the Maccabees for the past twenty-six years.

William Sherman Taylor. The Taylor family has been identified with Erie County through three successive generations. In each generation there has been one or more members of the family who have been active in public affairs and have held important local offices. William S. Taylor, of the present active generation, is now serving as clerk of Perkins Township, and has been otherwise influential in local affairs. He is a man of great public spirit, and the industry which has enabled him to succeed in a business way has not been without results of benefit to the community in which he has spent his life. His home is on the Bloomingville Road.

William Sherman Taylor was born in the house he still occupies, on June 5, 1865. His parents were Charles W. and Caroline E. (Wright) Taylor. His father is also a native of Perkins Township, while his mother was born in Dutchess County, New York. Nelson Taylor, the grandfather, was born in Connecticut, and was one of the pioneers in Perkins Township of Erie County, where he settled when most of the country was in the woods. He cleared up land and put a strong shoulder to the wheel while civilization was making its first progress through this country. Nelson Taylor was one of the early county commissioners in Erie County and did his duty to the public as well as to himself and family. Charles W. Taylor some years ago served as clerk of Perkins Township. He is still living, at the age of eighty, and one of the oldest native sons of Perkins Township.

William Sherman Taylor grew up on the old homestead, which he still occupies. His education came from the public schools, and for a short time he attended the high school at Sandusky. He was also a student in Baldwin University at Berea, near Cleveland, Ohio. His active work has been as farmer and stock raiser, and he is also a dealer in foundry and brick molding sand, and has followed that occupation more or less actively for many years.

In politics he has acted with the republican party since casting his first presidential vote for Benjamin Harrison, and is now in his second term as clerk of Perkins Township. For two years he was a member of the Republican Central Committee from Perkins Township and for a number of years has been one of the Perkins Township Board of Education, and is now clerk of the board. Fraternally he is affiliated with the

Knights of the Maccabees at Bloomingville, and wherever his name is spoken it is associated with the qualities of industry, integrity and public spirit. He does farming on a large scale and is always willing to contribute time, labor and means to local improvements.

JAY J. TEMPLE. Mention of this name introduces a number of well-known families in Erie County, where the Temples and their connections have lived since the middle of the nineteenth century. Jay J. Temple is one of the prominent farmer citizens of Florence Township, living with his family on a farm estate and in a substantial home on Rural Route No. 1 out of Birmingham.

His birth occurred at Birmingham, in Florence Township, November 11, 1856, and he is a son of Edgar and Sarah (Green) Temple. His father was born in New York State April 29, 1828, while his mother was born in Branch County, Michigan, September 4, 1838. Edgar Temple was a son of John and Mary (Austin) Temple. John Temple was born in Vermont of New England stock, while his wife was a native of New York State, and they were married in the latter state and came into Erie County with their family in 1852, locating in Florence Township, where John and Mary Temple spent the rest of their days. She died when past fifty-five, while John, who was born May 27, 1799, passed away in January, 1876, in his seventy-seventh year. There are some things about the career of John Temple which should be given definite record. By trade he was a cabinetmaker and wagonmaker, and was one of the most efficient followers of those trades ever known in Erie County. In the early days he constructed a number of hand-made coffins before such articles were carried in undertaking shops as is the custom in later times. At his shop he also constructed wagons for farm and home use and some of these farm wagons and spring wagons are said to be still doing service, testifying to the substantial character of their maker. He was not only a skilled worker, but a man of utmost honesty and stood high in the esteem of any community where he lived. He had begun to learn his trade when only ten years of age. After the death of his wife he went to live near Toledo, and followed his trade there until his death. In politics he was first a whig and afterwards became a republican.

Sarah (Green) Temple, the mother of Jay J. Temple, was a daughter of Silas and Elizabeth (Howe) Green, both natives of New York State and of New England ancestry. After their marriage they moved out to Branch County, Michigan, where settlement had its first beginning in the decade of the '30s, and Mrs. Green died there. Her husband later moved to Hastings, in Barry County, Michigan, and died there when a little past middle age. When the Green family settled in Branch County there were only three other white families, and some Indians came to their aid in raising the rough frame of their log cabin home. They were members of the Methodist Church, and in politics Mr. Green was a whig and republican.

Edgar Temple and wife after their marriage started out as farmers in Florence Township, and three of their children were born there: Mary E.; Jay J., and Ida E., now deceased. In the fall of 1861 the family removed to Henry County, Ohio, locating on an unimproved tract of land, where Mrs. Temple, the mother, died in 1875. Edgar Temple later moved out to California, and died in 1904 at Bishop, in Inyo County. He and his wife were Methodists, and in politics he was a republican. Other children living outside of Erie County were: Altha J., who is a farmer in Huron County, and has a family of children; Della is the wife of Louis Morgan, living in Toledo, and has one daughter; William lives at Fillmore, California, and is married, but has no children.

Jay J. Temple grew up in Ohio and other states, and in the course of his career has lived for varying lengths of time in five different states. He finally located on the Florence and Vermilion Road in Florence Township, and since his marriage has operated the farm of 117 acres where his wife formerly lived before her marriage. This is a farm of excellent improvement and has been most capably managed by Mr. Temple.

On the farm where he now lives Mr. Temple was married in 1887 to Miss Alice Jarrett. She was born, reared and educated in Erie County, a daughter of George and Sarah (Mason) Jarrett. Her father was born in the County of Kent, England, on the Isle of Sheppy, and was ten years of age when brought to the United States and to Erie County. His father and two children, George and Richard, were the first of the family to come to America. The mother, Sarah (Green) Jarrett, came one year later with the remainder of the family of six children. After growing up, he secured the 117 acres where he has since lived, and also owns two improved farms of a fraction over fifty acres each in the same township. He is now seventy-five years of age, and well preserved in all his faculties. His wife passed away April 6, 1914, and on the following day would have been seventy-three years of age. She was of Massachusetts parents, but was reared and educated in Erie County.

Mr. and Mrs. Temple have two children: Sarah Etta, born July 3, 1888, is the wife of Edward N. Boone, of Erie County, and they now live on a farm near Florence Village; George E., born February 25, 1891, after completing his education in the public schools took up farming and is still pursuing that vocation, being unmarried. Mr. Temple is a republican in politics, but votes independently in local affairs.

George S. Peck comes of an old New England family. Men of the name established the family on these shores early in the seventeenth century, and the family record is easily traceable back through 400 years. This brief sketch deals only with such of the family who have been identified with the growth and development of this county through more than 100 years.

The first of the Peck family who pioneered to Ohio was one Charles Peck, grandsire of the subject. He was born in Connecticut, there reared, and there married to Mary Barnum, the daughter of a sturdy New England family. Soon after the birth of their first child they, in company with a goodly number of their neighbors, formed a colony and migrated west to Ohio. They made the trip from Danbury, Connecticut, which was long and tedious, fraught with many hardships and perils, by wagon train, and when they reached Ohio they located in the year 1810 on the shores of Lake Erie, calling the place Danbury, in Ottawa County. Their second child, Rachel, was the first white child born on the Fire Lands. Charles Peck was a blacksmith, and his neighbors were able to give him work to maintain his family. When the War of 1812 broke out their position was deemed unsafe, and the little village was forthwith deserted, the people moving to Trumbull County, and settled in Canfield. The Pecks remained there until the close of the war, and in 1816 made another move, this time settling in Florence Township, Erie County. Mr. Peck set up a smithy at Florence Corners, and he was the only blacksmith in the township for a good while. He prospered there, reared his family in keeping with their station, and died at his home in 1832, when he was forty-four years old. His widow lived to reach a fine old age and when she died was living in the home of her daughter, Rachel, the wife of Mr. Ingham. Mrs. Peck was a sister of Eli S. Barnum, well known as the agent for Jessup & Wakeman, owners of immense tracts in Erie and Huron counties.

Seven children were born to Charles and Mary Peck. Mary, the eldest, became the wife of I. T. Norton, and spent her entire life in Erie

County. She left three children. Rachel, the second born, married S. R. Ingham, and died well advanced in years, leaving two children. Eliphalet Barnum Peck, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Canfield, Ohio, 1814, and died April 12, 1908, at the home of his son, George S. Further mention of his life will follow in a later paragraph. Rebecca married Virgil Squires, who was president of the First National Bank of Defiance, and she died in that city. Sarah married Nathaniel R. Daniels, and spent her life in Erie County. George S. moved to Iowa in 1854 and there married a Miss Scoville. He became a prosperous and prominent farmer and died at his home in that state. Thomas B. became a physician and died a bachelor while in the prime of life.

Eliphalet B. Peck, father of George S., of this review, lived and died on the old farm, which is now the home and property of the subject. He spent a busy and active life on this place of about 100 acres, and the ninety-two years spent in this township are a monument to his good name and worthy accomplishment. No man was better known or more highly esteemed than this old patriarch, and the name of Peck lost nothing of its original luster through him. He married his wife, Mary E. Reding, in the log-cabin home of her brother-in-law, Nathan Downs, in Wakeman Township, Huron County. She was born in Ridgeville, Lorain County, on May 4, 1819, and was one of the charter members of the old Episcopal Church at Wakeman. This church was organized eighty years ago, Mrs. Peck being only sixteen years at the time. She passed away at the home of her son on March 1, 1889. She was the daughter of John and Betsey (Barnum) Reding, natives of the State of Vermont, where they were married, coming soon thereafter as pioneers to Ohio and taking up a farm in the wilds of Lorain County. After the death of her husband the widow married Justin Sherman of Wakeman, Huron County. Fortune prospered them, and they spent many happy years in Wakeman Township, where they died in later life.

Eliphalet B. Peck was the father of six children. Clara E., the eldest and only daughter, married William Higgins of Defiance, Ohio, where she spent her married life and died there many years ago. Minor B., the eldest son (now deceased), married Carrie M. Sweet of Norwalk, Ohio, and the family is now living in Dallas, Texas. John R. married Flora E. Heath, of Florence, Ohio, and has long been a resident of Toledo, Ohio. Willis E., the third son, was an invalid, and lived with his brother George, where he died in 1913. George S. is the subject of this sketch. Charles H., who married Nora M. Alpaugh, of Hillsdale, Michigan, and is now a resident of Los Angeles, California.

George S. Peck was the youngest but one of the six children of his parents, and he was born on the farm he now operates, and in the house his father built in 1844. All his life he has been sheltered by this kindly roof. His birth occurred on February 27, 1856, and he had his education in the common schools of the community. Since he came into possession of the home place he has added something to it in the way of general improvements, and has lived the life of a good citizen and successful farmer. He was married by the Rev. Geo. H. Peeke, in Sandusky, Ohio, to Josephine Daniels, who was born in Townsend Township, Huron County, March 16, 1867, and is the daughter of Linus Lee and Emma (Kyle) Daniels. Mrs. Peck's maternal grandfather was Dr. Salem Kyle, of Birmingham, Ohio, a prominent physician of Erie County. Mr. Daniels was born in Berlin Township on February 14, 1839, and is a well-known implement dealer of Berlin Heights. He is still in good health, and "Doc" Daniels, as he is widely known, has a large circle of staunch friends in the county. His wife died in August, 1875, while in middle life. He is a republican and is prominent in local politics.

Two children have been born to George S. and Josephine Peck. George S., the first born, is connected with the state hospital at Columbus. Mary B. is a skilled pianist and whistler, and with her husband

conducts a studio in Columbus. She followed her high-school education with a course of training in the Capital College of Oratory and Music at Columbus, of which her husband, Walter Harrison Hill, is also a graduate, and after their marriage opened a studio for the instruction of pupils in piano music. They have been very successful in their work.

Besides their two children, the Pecks adopted one child, Linus Barnum Peck. They are members of the Congregational Church. Mr. Peck has given considerable attention to curio collecting, and has in his possession an admirable assortment of Indian arrowheads, many of which he found on his farm. The stone implements commonly used by the Indians are found in his collection, and he is the possessor of the cradle in which his father was rocked 101 years ago.

In a sketch of this nature lack of space forbids any extended mention of any member of the family, but it may here be mentioned that the Peck family is the subject of an authoritative history and genealogy, dealing with the name in its various branches back through a period of more than 400 years. In this review, however, an effort has been made to outline the life of the family in its connection with the State of Ohio, regardless of earlier activities in other parts of the country, and it is a pleasing task to incorporate in this historical work even so brief a family sketch as this must necessarily be, in connection with the honored name of Peck.

F. Gilbert Pierce. Eighty or ninety years ago when the Pierce family first came into Northern Ohio this country was still largely a wilderness. Village communities were small and far apart. The pioneers had effected some clearings and tilled fields, a few roads were cut or blazed through the woods, but still the heaviest burdens rested upon the newcomers in cutting down countless trees, uprooting the stumps and brush, and starting cultivation whtere never before had been the civilized activities of white men. Mr. F. Gilbert Pierce, one of the most prominent agriculturists of Florence Township, thus represents one of the early families, and the work of pioneering performed by his father and grandfather has been continued under modern conditions through his own efforts.

Born at Oberlin, in Lorain County, September 24, 1860, F. Gilbert Pierce is a son of Benjamin L. and Almira (Dayton) Pierce. His father was born in Bennington, Vermont, of old and rugged New England ancestry. He was born in 1812, and was about twelve or thirteen years of age when the family came out to Northern Ohio. From Buffalo they made the journey by lake steamer as far as Cleveland, and thence came out into the back country, locating at Carlisle, in Lorain County. That was still a wilderness, and the family settled on a tract of land which by the farthest stretch of imagination could hardly be called a real farm. Some years later the parents of Benjamin Pierce left Ohio and moved to Michigan, locating near Ionia, where Grandfather Pierce died when quite an old man. His widow subsequently returned to Ohio, and lived with her grandson, F. Gilbert Pierce, for a time, and also with her son, Artemus Pierce, and died at the latter's home in Portage County, Ohio, when about eighty years of age.

Benjamin L. Pierce was continuously a resident of Lorain County from the time he arrived there as a boy back in the early '20s. He learned the stone and brickmaker's trade at Carlisle and at Oberlin, and for years as a mason foreman and contractor performed much of the hard work connected with his trade and industry. At both Elyria and Oberlin he and his brother-in-law, A. P. Dayton, under the firm name of Pierce & Dayton, constructed many of the leading store buildings and laid many foundations for homes and other structures in both cities. The substantial quality of their work is still testified by a number of

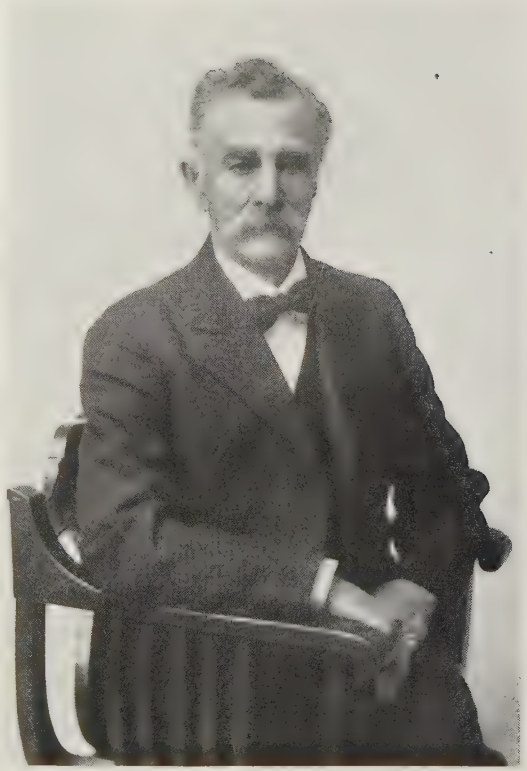
buildings which are still standing in Lorain County. Finally Mr. Pierce sold his interests at Oberlin, and about the close of the Civil war located in Florence Township of Erie County, buying land situated along the Vermilion River, a mile southwest of Birmingham. There he spent the rest of his days in the less strenuous vocation of farmer, and died October 6, 1876. He was a republican in politics, and a member of the Congregational Church. The distinguishing and striking characteristic of this well-remembered citizen was his hard-working industry. Physically he was large and powerful, but even so, his strength did not equal his ambition and determination, and it was largely due to overwork that he finally retired from the mason's trade, and took up the quieter routine of farming. His wife died at the birth of her only child, F. Gilbert Pierce. Benjamin Pierce married again, but there were no children of that union.

F. Gilbert Pierce grew up in his father's home, attended the public schools, and for the past fifty years, since he was a small boy, has lived continuously on his present farm. He now owns eighty-two acres located on the Vermilion River, and this is regarded as one of the most productive farms in Florence Township. For many years, season in and season out, he has regularly produced large crops of grain and has specialized in the handling of good stock. He and his family reside in a sightly eight-room home, surrounded with a number of other building improvements. One feature of the place is a sixty-ton silo. He also has a four-acre apple orchard.

At Berlin Heights Mr. Pierce married Miss Florence Harris. She was born in the State of Maine, but was reared and educated in Erie County, whither she was brought by her mother when she was small. Her mother died in Erie County and her father subsequently returned East. Mrs. Pierce has a brother, William D. Harris, who is manager of the Buckeye Lake Resort in this state, and by his marriage to Nellie Morris, of Huron, has a family of sons and daughters. A sister of Mrs. Pierce is Lavilla, who died after her marriage and the birth of her first child. Eva, another sister, by her first marriage, to C. C. Bryant, has a daughter, Eva Jane Bryant. Mrs. Bryant married second Irvin Nichols, and is living at Lorain, Ohio. Another sister is Ora, wife of A. J. Nelson, of Medina, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce have two children. Elizabeth, born April 1, 1889, graduated from the Birmingham public schools and the Oberlin High School, and soon afterwards began a career as teacher which has been her vocation for a number of years. She has taught in Florence Township, also on Kelley's Island, and was one of the first students to graduate from the State Normal at Kent, and has now for several years filled a responsible position in the Elyria schools. Benjamin L., the only son, born March 18, 1894, also took the same course of studies as his sister, and has already attained no little standing as a teacher. At the present time he is teaching in the Birmingham public schools. He is an ambitious young man, studious and industrious, and has the promise of a career of great usefulness before him.

Besides his fine farm in Florence Township, Mr. Pierce is known in business circles as president of the Farmers Co-operative Milk and Supply Company of Birmingham and Elyria. This company has a capital stock of $10,000, and was organized in July, 1913. It maintains two modern plants for the handling of milk and its products, one at Birmingham and one at Elyria, and the company is one of the chief distributors of butter, cream, ice cream and milk, of the best quality, in these two counties. Every stockholder in the company is a practical dairyman. The vice president and director is Jay C. Parker, another well-known citizen of Florence Township, and the secretary and treasurer of the company is W. H. Wasen.



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Mr. Pierce and family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church at Birmingham. The son is a trustee in the church and a leader in Sunday-school activities. Both Mr. Pierce and son are republican voters, and his fellow-citizens have shown their confidence in his integrity and civic standing by electing him to the office of township assessor, a place he held for several years.

GEORGE BLANDEN. For more than four score years has Mr. Blanden maintained his home in his native Township of Florence, and the only appreciable period of absence from the borders of Erie County was when he was rendering to the nation the loyal service of a Union soldier in the Civil war. He has been a man of thought and action, has accounted well for himself in all of the relations of life, achieved substantial success through his long and vigorous identification with the great basic industry of agriculture, and the true character of the individual has been shown in no one way more distinctively and worthily than in the constant care and loving devotion which he has given to his invalid wife during the long period of eight years of her affliction, which she has borne with gentle patience and Christian fortitude, their mutual sympathy and unselfish solicitude breathing forth the spirit of the ideal harmony between man and wife, and their devotion finding its supreme test and greatest glory in the gloaming of their long and useful lives. After years of earnest endeavor in connection with the productive activities of human existence Mr. Blanden is living in gracious retirement in his attractive home in the Village of Birmingham, and he and his cherished companion and helpmeet are held in reverent affection by a circle of friends whose number is limited only by that of their acquaintances.

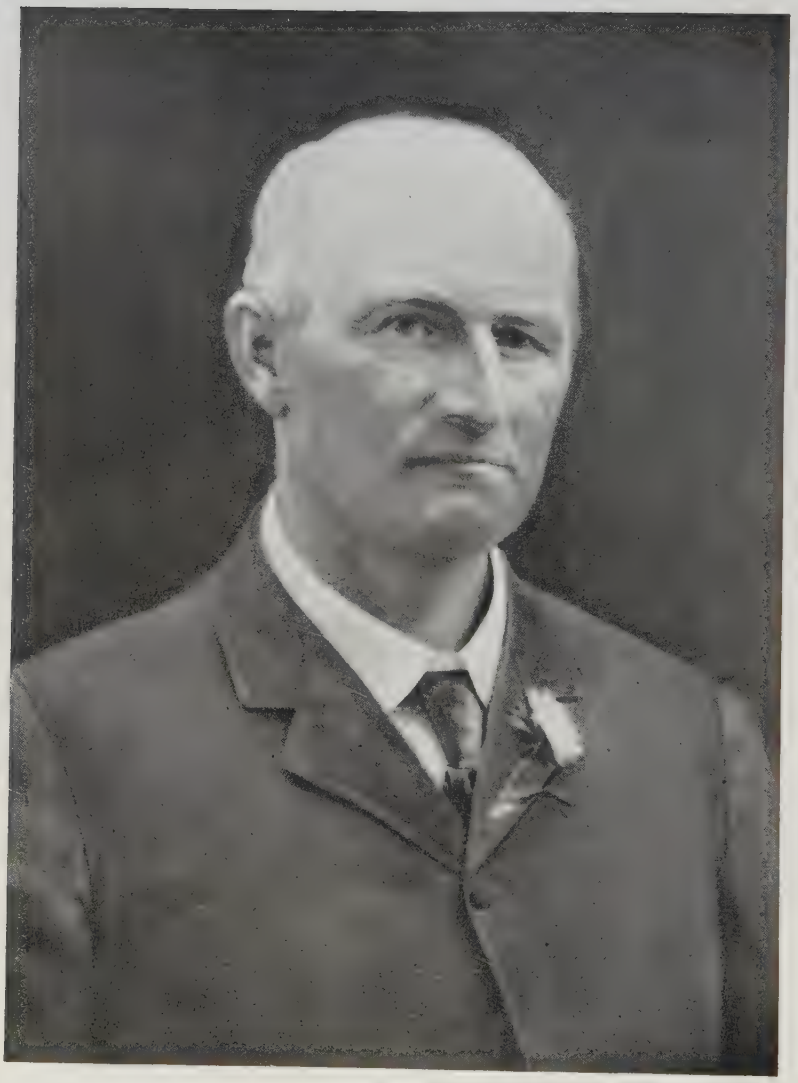
In Florence Township, Erie County, Ohio, George Blanden was born on the 5th of December, 1833, and he is the only surviving child of James and Caroline (Reed) Blanden, both natives of the State of New York and members of families early founded within the borders of the old Empire commonwealth, Mrs. Blanden having been a daughter of John and Charlotte (Morgan) Reed, the former of German lineage and the latter a member of the old and well known Morgan family of New York State. Mr. and Mrs. Reed attained to advanced age and passed the closing years of their lives in Birmingham, Erie County, Ohio, where they maintained their home in a house standing just opposite the present home of the subject of this review.

James Blanden was reared and educated in his native state and there learned the trade of mason. Within a comparatively short time after his marriage he and his wife came to Ohio and established their permanent home on a farm in Florence Township, Erie County, where they passed the residue of their lives. Mr. Blanden not only reclaimed one of the excellent pioneer farms of the county but also did a large amount of work at his trade, his services as a mason and plasterer having been much in demand throughout all parts of the county. He and his wife were early and honored members of the pioneer Methodist Episcopal Church at Birmingham, and their abiding Christian faith was shown forth in their daily lives,—in kindly thoughts and kindly deeds. Mr. Blanden gave his allegiance to the whig party and he preceded his wife to the life eternal, his death having occurred many years ago and his widow having passed away in 1884, the remains of both being interred in the Methodist Churchyard at Birmingham. Of the children George, of this sketch, is the only survivor, as has already been noted, and he was one of the three sons to represent Erie County as gallant soldiers of the Union in the Civil war. His older brother, John, and his younger brother, Allen, lived up to the full tension of the great conflict between the North and the South, John having sac-

rificed his life on the field of battle, as he was instantly killed when shot through the forehead, at the battle of Resaca, Georgia, where he was laid to rest in a soldier's grave and with such military honors as were possible to bestow under existing conditions. Allen Blanden served as captain of his company in the Fifty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and took part in many important campaigns and battles. He accompanied General Sherman's forces in the Atlanta campaign and thereafter took part in the historic march from Atlanta to the sea. After receiving his honorable discharge, at the close of the war, he returned to Erie County, where he followed the trades of wagonmaker and painter for some time. He finally removed to Michigan and his marriage was solemnized at Breckenridge, Gratiot County, that state, where he continued to reside until his death. He was survived by two sons and two daughters.

George Blanden was reared to manhood on the old homestead farm in Florence Township and his early educational advantages were those afforded in the pioneer schools of Erie County. He continued his association with agricultural pursuits until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he subordinated all personal interests to go forth in defense of the Union, the integrity of which was placed in jeopardy. In response to President Lincoln's first call for volunteers to aid in suppressing the rebellion, he enlisted in Company E, Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for a term of three months, under Captain Sprague and Colonel Tyler. The regiment was mustered in in June, 1861, and forthwith proceeded to the front. At the expiration of his term of enlistment Mr. Blanden re-enlisted as a veteran and for a term of three years, but the fortunes of war did not permit him to remain in the ranks until the close of the great struggle. While in the command of General Kimball at the battle of Cross Lanes, West Virginia, he had his first experience in fierce polemic conflict but he escaped injury. Later he took part in the memorable battle at Winchester, Virginia, and on the 21st of March, 1862, he was shot through the left arm, near the elbow, the minie ball so shattering the bones of the arm that the member was rendered useless, five sections of bone being taken from the arm. Thus incapacitated for further active service in the field, Mr. Blanden received his honorable discharge on the 28th of June, 1862, after having made a record for faithful and valiant service. In later years he has perpetuated his interest in his old comrades through his affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic.

After his physical injury had compelled his retirement from the ranks of the Union Army Mr. Blanden returned to his home in Erie County and within a short time after the close of the war he became the owner of the old Blanchard farm, of eighty-six acres, in Florence Township. There he continued to be successfully engaged in farming and stockgrowing for a period of fully thirty-five years, his retirement from the active labors of the farm having occurred about the year 1900, when he removed to the Village of Birmingham, where he has since maintained his home and where for eight years past he has devoted himself almost constantly to ministering to his cherished wife, their loving companionship having continued for more than half a century. Mrs. Blanden suffers from paralysis of such severe form that for fully eight years she has had control of none of her muscles, thus being virtually helpless but being at all times representative of the incarnation of spiritual patience and gentle submission to her great affliction, the heavy burden of which has been lightened by the devoted care given to her by her venerable husband. Both have been for many years devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Blanden has always been aligned as a staunch supporter of the principles of the republican party. He served in past years as township trustee and was



A. J. Nickols.

Curtis Nickols

called upon also to serve in other positions of local trust. He was affiliated with the Lodge of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons at Birmingham until the organization lapsed, and since that time has maintained no direct Masonic association.

In Florence Township, in the year of 1864, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Blanden to Miss Alice Bristol, who was born in Henrietta Township, Lorain County, Ohio, on the 14th of September, 1846, but who was reared and educated in Florence Township, Erie County, where her father established his home on a farm when she was a child. Mrs. Blanden is a daughter of Charles and Charlotte (Dennison) Bristol, the former of whom was born in the State of New York and the latter of whom had the distinction of being the first white child born in Henrietta Township, Lorain County, Ohio, her parents, John and Marian Dennison, natives of the State of New York, having been the first permanent settlers in Henrietta Township, Lorain County, where the latter died when her daughter Charlotte was but seven years of age. Mr. Dennison lived to a venerable age and passed the closing years of his life near Birmingham, Erie County. Within a few years after their marriage Charles Bristol and his wife established their home on a farm in Florence Township, Erie County, and they continued as honored citizens of this county until their death, Mr. Bristol having passed away in 1901, at the venerable age of eighty-two years, and his devoted wife having died on her seventy-ninth birthday anniversary, May 17, 1898. It is interesting to record that she married Mr. Bristol on her twenty-fourth birthday anniversary and that her daughter Emma was born on the anniversary date of the mother's birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Blanden have two children: George, who celebrated in 1915 his forty-sixth birthday anniversary, resides on the old homestead farm of his parents, and has been carrier on the rural mail route of that locality from the time this free service was established there, in 1903. He wedded Miss Lois Curtis and they have two sons, June and James. Ray, the younger of the two children of the honored citizen to whom this sketch is dedicated, is the wife of Wilber Struck, of Birmingham, and they have two sons, Rolland and Donald.

Arthur J. Nickols. A native of Erie County, Arthur J. Nickols has spent practically all his life within the limits of Berlin Township, and in that time has acquired those things most appreciated by a man of industry and ambition. He has a fine farm which represents his diligence and good business judgment, has provided liberally for home and family, and has gained the esteem of all citizens in that locality for his uprightness and the practice of high ideals of manhood.

He was born on the old farm, a part of which he now owns, and adjacent to his present place of residence, on October 7, 1859. His father, Curtis Nickols, was a very prominent man in his day in Erie County. He was a skilled worker both in wood and iron, and practiced his craft in the days before machinery began to turn out such enormous quantities of cheaply made wagons and buggies. Many of the articles which he made are still to be found in the homes of prominent people in Erie County, and he was the type of workman who made things useful and attractive, and with such qualities of stability that they could be handed down from one generation to another. Curtis Nickols and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Lewis, were both born in New York State. The grandfather of Curtis was a native of Germany, while his grandmother was a native of England. Curtis was a son of Joseph Nickols, who was born in New York State, and when his son Curtis was six years of age brought his family to Vermilion Township, in Erie County. Joseph was married in 1825. After about a dozen years of residence in Erie County, and when Curtis was between eighteen and

twenty years of age, Joseph Nickols and wife and all the other members of the family moved out to Indiana in June, 1846, locating in DeKalb County. They afterward located in Steuben County, and from that locality two of their children, Milo and Lucy, the latter at that time the wife of a Mr. Sanders, went to California in 1849, and spent the remainder of their lives in that far western state. The following children were born to Joseph Nickols and wife: Lucy Ann, who was born December 3, 1822; Harvey, born September 11, 1824, and died August 23, 1826; Curtis, born September 2, 1826, and died July 31, 1903; Rufus Main, born February 2, 1828, and died February 23, 1899; Harriet Betty, born March 4, 1830; Joseph Milo, born February 10, 1832, died March 31, 1902; Norman, born February 22, 1834; George Washington, born June 1, 1836, and died April 22, 1857; Alexander Lot, born February 19, 1838; Victoria Louisa, born November 2, 1840, died December 11, 1870; and Hannah Delila, born April 3, 1842.

When sixteen years of age Curtis Nickols paid his father $75.00 for his time and bound himself as an apprentice to the blacksmith trade with a Mr. Stone of Stone Corners, now Ogontz in Berlin Township, in the same locality where Arthur J. Nickols now lives. His apprenticeship was for three years, and during the first year he received $40.00, $75.00 in the second year and $100.00 for the third year. He developed into a skilled blacksmith and afterward acquired equal facilities as a carpenter and joiner, and for several years devoted much of his time to that class of work known as wheelwright. For several years he wrought at his trade in Chicago, and was also employed on the Soo Canal. He was married in Erie County in July, 1858, to Miss Mary Lewis. In the meantime he had bought ninety acres, and subsequently increased that to 160 acres. This farm lies adjacent to the one now owned and occupied by Arthur J. Nickols. Miss Mary Lewis was born in New York State about 1830, and her parents lived and died there. Her father passed away a few years before his wife, and she was nearly eighty when her death occurred. Mr. Lewis was for a number of years a cook on lake boats. After his marriage Curtis Nickols located on his farm of 160 acres on the Ridge Road in Berlin Township. His first tract of this farm was ninety acres, purchased in 1853 of Lanson Brooks. He brought about many improvements, his skill serving him well in the erection of a substantial home and good barns. He died there when nearly seventy-seven, while his wife passed away in middle life, at the age of forty-two. He was variously affiliated in politics, having at one time voted the whig ticket, again as a republican and was also a Greeley democrat. For a number of years he was honored with the office of township trustee, and in every sense lived fully up to the obligations imposed upon citizenship.

Arthur J. Nickols spent his early life on the old homestead of his father and for a number of successive winter terms attended the neighboring district schools. Hard work and intelligent management have been the essential factors in his career, and since his marriage he has owned and occupied the old homestead of his wife's parents, comprising 142 acres, and he also has fifty-five acres of his father's old estate. Nearly all of this land is improved, but one of its valuable features is a tract of fine native timber covering twenty-eight acres. At the present time he is developing a large fruit orchard, having about 1,500 young trees. His home is one of the best in that part of Erie County, being a large fourteen-room house, surrounded by excellent barns and all other facilities for handling his crops and livestock. He raises everything in large quantities, and from his herd of Jersey cattle sells quantities of butter and cream.

Mr. Nickols was married in 1886, on the farm where he now resides, to Miss Alice M. Smith. She was born on that farm and grew up and

received her education there, and she and her husband were children together. Her parents were Horace T. and Susan (Johnson) Smith. Her father was one of the prominent men in his day in Berlin Township, and from birth spent practically all his life on the farm where Mr. and Mrs. Nickols now reside. This farm came into the Smith family direct from the Government, having originally been a part of the "fire lands" set aside for the benefit of those who suffered in Connecticut and other eastern states because of the depredations inflicted by the soldiers of Great Britain during the early American wars. Mr. Smith died there when about ninety years of age, and his wife was more than eighty when she passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Nickols have four children. Lewis is now a merchant at Ogontz Corners, and by his marriage to Elizabeth Irish has a daughter, Ruth. Lloyd is living at home unmarried. Ellsworth was graduated from the Berlin High School and is now a student in Chicago. Elton is still in high school. Mr. Nickols has long taken a prominent place in the Patrons of Husbandry, and is a past master of Florence Grange, No. 1844, while his wife is equally active in the woman's work of that order and has held every office given to the women members. Politically he is an independent democrat, and has given public service chiefly as president of the school board for several years.

Hon. Lewis F. White. A member of the Ohio State Senate from the Thirtieth Senatorial District, comprising the counties of Erie, Huron, Ottawa and Sandusky, Senator White has proved himself not only a representative but also a leader in the public life of those counties and in the state at large. Reared on a farm, with business experience connecting him with the important fishing industry along the lake shore, he possesses an unusual range of qualifications which put him in close touch with the people whom he so ably represents.

Senator White was elected as representative to the Seventy-eighth General Assembly of Ohio from Sandusky County at the age of twenty-five years and re-elected to the Seventy-ninth General Assembly by an increased majority. His home is in Sandusky County in Townsend Township, in which locality he was born October 9, 1882. His parents were Charles W. and Catherine (Wahl) White, his father a native of Prussia and his mother of Baden, Germany. Both parents are now deceased. Charles W. White came to America in 1849 and located in Sandusky County and was one of the capable early settlers and farmers in Townsend Township, where he lived until his death in 1896. His position as a citizen is indicated by the fact that for several times he served as a director of the Infirmary of Sandusky County, and for a number of years held the office of justice of the peace in Townsend Township.

Lewis F. White grew to manhood in his native township, was educated in the public schools, and studied law under the then prosecuting attorney of Sandusky County, Michael W. Hunt. For some time he was also a student in the Ohio Northern University at Ada. By his early career he knows the life of the farmer and has a keen appreciation of the needs of the rural community. For several years he has been engaged in farming and the fishing industry, and the people of his district recognize in him not only an able political leader but also as a man whose substantial accomplishment in a business way entitle him to confidence. Senator White married Mabel M. Mahan, who was born in Clyde, Ohio, a daughter of James Mahan.

Senator White is a democrat, and for a number of years has been a leader in that party. He is affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees at Whitmore, Tent No. 222; with Camp No. 4477 of the Modern Woodmen of America at Vickery; with Aerie No. 712 of the Fraternal

Order of Eagles at Fremont. His legislative experience began with the seventy-eighth session of the Ohio General Assembly, and he was in the lower house four years, being a member of both the seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth assemblies. Previously he had for four years been a member of the Democratic Central Committee from Townsend Township, and for three years of this time was chairman of the Sandusky County Central Committee.

During the Seventy-eighth Assembly he did an important work in securing the passage of several laws regulating the fishing industry on Lake Erie, and during the same session procured some important reforms in the hunting and game laws of the state. In that assembly he was a member of the following committees: Fish culture and game; Institute of the Blind; ditches and drains; military affairs. In the seventy-ninth session he was chairman of the fish culture and game committee and a member of the committees on Federal relations, soldiers and sailors homes and agriculture. In the seventy-eighth session he had the distinction of being the youngest legislator. Credit is given him for all the important changes made in the fish and game laws during the Seventy-ninth Assembly. It was his creditable work in the first session that led to his re-election to the House of Representatives by a substantial and increased majority.

Since taking his seat in the Senate in the Eighty-first General Assembly, Mr. White has been chairman of the drainage and irrigation committee, regarded as one of the most important committees because of the schedule of proposed legislation for flood protection in the state. He has been a member of the committees on agriculture, fish culture and game, county affairs, claims, Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home, and labor. During this session he secured the appropriation for the erection of a memorial to commemorate the services of George Burton Meek, who was the first American to give up his life for his country during the Spanish-American war. On August 14, 1915, Senator White was appointed by Governor Willis of Ohio to serve as a member of the Ohio Building Commission and at the organization of the commission was elected its vice president.

Substantial as has been his achievements so far, a great many people in the Thirtieth Senatorial District believe that Senator White's career has only begun, and that he shows qualities which will eventually lead him to great prominence both in the state and perhaps in the nation.

Herman Welz. In the course of human life the burdens borne by one generation are shifted on to the shoulders of the following, and thus there is a constant succession of the younger taking the places of the older in every community. Among the young people who have now assumed such independent responsibilities in affairs and are carrying forward the work begun and capably performed by their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Welz, of Florence Township. They represent the live interests in their community, are popular people socially, and are doing their share in cultivating the land, supporting the schools and community institutions, and making for progress generally.

Oxford Township of Erie County is the native place of Herman Welz, who was born April 17, 1881, on Easter Sunday. His parents were German people, Jonas and Sophia (King) Welz, both natives of Baden. His father was born in 1842 and his mother was a year or two older. Their respective parents spent all their lives in the province of Baden, where grandfather Welz was a large and prosperous farmer. Jonas Welz came to the United States when twenty-three, sailing from Bremen to New York City, and thence to Oxford Township in Erie County. There he joined his older brother, Jacob, who had come on some years before and who became well known in Oxford Township,

where he married and reared a large family. Jonas Welz was married in Erie County to Sophia King, who had come with her parents when six years of age, on a sailing vessel from Bremen to New York City and thence to Oxford Township. In 1849 her father, Mr. King, went out to California to search for gold and wealth, and was never heard of afterwards. His widow later died in Oxford Township, with a family of two sons and two daughters, all of whom are now deceased. Jonas Welz, after his marriage, started out as a farmer in Oxford Township and lived there until 1882, when he brought his family, including his son, Herman, to Florence Township, selecting as his location a choice piece of land of nearly 100 acres on the road between Berlin Heights and Florence Village. That was the scene of his thrifty endeavors the rest of his career, and he died there June 3, 1912. His wife passed away in 1898. Jonas Welz was a democrat in politics, and he and his wife attended the Congregational Church. She was a remarkable woman in many respects, not only in those indomitable qualities of virtuous character, but also mentally. Intellectually she was the equal of any man, and had even brilliant qualities of intellect. She was never at a loss in argument on political, religious and social topics, and had a well stored memory which furnished her with the material for exact and convincing statements. The children of Jonas Welz and wife were: Herman; Carrie, the wife of Theodore E. Welch, a record of whom is found elsewhere; Emma, the wife of M. E. Starks of Huron County, and their children are Leon, Cleora, Marion, Lucile and Menzo J.; Ida, who died at the age of thirty-eight after her marriage to Martin Purcell of Milan, leaving one daughter, Sophia M.; and Otto, who died at the age of nineteen.

Reared and educated in Florence Township, Herman Welz grew up on the old farm, and in 1908 became owner of the homestead, and since then has developed into a most successful and prosperous agriculturist. All of the 100 acres secured by his father there more than thirty years ago are well improved and in cultivation except twelve acres of native timber. His father on taking possession farmed this tract of wild land with the exception of twenty-six acres, and the work has gone forward steadily year after year until this is now one of the highly productive farms of Erie County. Herman Welz has performed his share in that improvement, and has made the land even more valuable by his practice of returning to the soil the fertility which he takes away from it in crops. He grows all the cereals and potatoes, has a good orchard, has constructed a large basement barn 22 by 46 feet for his grain and stock, painted an attractive blue gray with white trimmings, and has a substantial home of seven rooms. The county ditch crossing his farm furnishes complete means for drainage.

At Norwalk Mr. Welz married Miss Bertha M. Heald. She was born at Birmingham in Florence Township November 16, 1889, was educated in the high school at that place, and is a matronly and attractive woman, presiding with dignity over her little household. Her parents were Charles A. and Florence (Robinson) Heald. Her father was born at Birmingham in Erie County April 20, 1851, a son of George and Maria (Shaffer) Heald, who came in early days from New York State and developed a farm and home in Erie County, where George Heald died at the age of seventy-four and his wife at seventy-five. They were well known people in Florence Township. Charles A. Heald is still living, and has spent most of his life in the vicinity of Florence Village, where he is active in democratic politics, and has held such local offices as township assessor. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. His wife, the mother of Mrs. Welz, was born in Ulster County, New York, May 11, 1858, and died at Birmingham April 6, 1889. She was an active Christian worker, and had grown up in New York State, where she married

Mr. Heald. Mrs. Welz was the only child of her parents. She and Mr. Welz have one daughter: Flora May, who was born April 10, 1909, and is now attending school. They are attendants of the Congregational Church at Florence, and in politics Mr. Welz is independent.

William N. Fox. Nearly a century has fallen into the abyss of time since the Fox family was founded in Erie County, and the fine old homestead place, in Perkins Township, has been consecutively in the possession of this honored pioneer family during all these long years. The late William N. Fox, to whom this memoir is dedicated, was one of the most honored and influential representatives of the second generation of this sterling family in Erie County, where he passed his entire life on the old homestead farm and where he had long been known as one of the prosperous agriculturists and stock-growers of Perkins Township and as a citizen of great heart and strong mind,—a man of prominence and influence in the communal affairs and one who ever commanded impregnable vantage-place in the confidence and good will of all who knew him. He lived and labored to goodly ends, made his life pregnant with lesson and incentive and accounted well for himself and to the world, so that there is all of consistency in according in this history a special tribute to his memory. On the old homestead that was endeared to him by the most gracious memories and associations, he was summoned to the life eternal on the 18th of December, 1912.

Mr. Fox was born on the pioneer farm widely known throughout Erie County as the old Fox homestead, and the date of his nativity was June 18, 1835. He was a son of Alvin and Frances (Johnson) Fox, both of whom were born and reared in Connecticut, as representatives of staunch old colonial families in New England. In the early part of the second decade of the nineteenth century Alvin Fox came with his family to Ohio and established his home in the forest wilds of what is now Perkins Township, Erie County, where he reclaimed a farm from the veritable wilderness and where both he and his wife continued to reside until their death, he having passed away in 1869, one of the best known and most honored pioneer citizens of Perkins Township. In this connection may properly be given brief record concerning other of the children than William N., to whom this memoir is dedicated. Christopher A., who was born September 15, 1845, died on the 11th of September, 1914, having passed his entire life on the old family homestead farm and his death having been of pitiably tragic order. He was a bachelor and had insisted on maintaining his residence in a small frame building that he erected for the purpose and in which he received such severe injuries when the little domicile was destroyed by fire that he was literally burned to death. He served twelve consecutive years as assessor of Perkins Township, was a stalwart in the camp of the democratic party, and was a man whose character and services made him worthy of the respect so freely accorded him during all the years of a long and useful life. In 1865 he lost his right arm as the result of an accidental gunshot wound received while he was on a hunting trip in Huron marshes. Solomon Fox, an older brother, was born May 13, 1837, and died April 29, 1903. He was long identified with navigation affairs on the Great Lakes, having served twenty-two consecutive years as second mate, on various vessels, and he finally established his home in Fulton County, where he continued to reside until his death.

William N. Fox acquired his early education in the primitive schools of the pioneer era and soon began to aid in the arduous work of clearing and otherwise improving the old home farm, which continued to be his abiding place until the close of his long and useful life, as previously stated in this context. An alert and receptive mind enabled him to

become a man of broad mental ken and mature judgment, and he was prominent and influential in public affairs as well as in those of industrial order in his native township. He was a farmer of energy and thrift, was a stalwart advocate of the cause of the democratic party, and he served for a number of years as township trustee. He was one of the early and influential members of the Perkins Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and both he and his wife were zealous in their church affiliation.

The wife of Mr. Fox, whom he wedded as a young man, was likewise born and reared in Erie County, and she preceded him to eternal rest, her death having occurred on the 1st of February, 1908. She was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and her gentle and considerate life proved a veritable beatitude. These honored pioneers are survived by three children, and a son, Frank W., is deceased. Frances M. is the wife of Charles D. Cornwell, of Berlin Heights, this county; and Emory D. and Thurman C. are well upholding the high prestige of the family name through their status as representative farmers and stock-growers of Perkins Township and as progressive and public-spirited citizens who are at all times ready to lend co-operation in the furtherance of enterprises advanced for the general good of the township and county in which they have resided from the time of their birth. The two brothers are aligned as staunch supporters of the principles and policies for which the democratic party stands sponsor and are associated in the ownership of the ancestral homestead farm, which comprises 116 acres of most arable and productive land. They are closely allied in their agricultural and stock-raising operations and are substantial and highly esteemed citizens of their native county, Emory D. being still a bachelor. Thurman C. Fox wedded Miss Catherine O'Neil, of Fulton County, and they have four children, —William O'Neill, Dorothy, Dennis C. and Frank T.

Frank J. Fitz. There is perhaps no township in Erie County that has a greater number of solid, industrious and influential citizens than Margaretta Township. A leading representative of this influential rural community is Frank J. Fitz, who is at this time serving as township trustee. His life has been spent in the community where he now resides, and his varied interests with that locality include the ownership of a well cultivated and profitably managed farm.

In Margaretta Township Frank J. Fitz was born February 27, 1869, a son of Dennis and Dorothy (Ott) Fitz. Both parents were natives of Baden, Germany, but came to this country before their marriage. Dennis Fitz had been reared in Baden, and while living there served his regular term in the German army. Soon after coming to this country he was married and then moved to Erie County, locating in Margaretta Township a short distance west of Venice. He was well thought of as a citizen, established himself as a prosperous farmer, and lived there until his death in the early '90s. Of his children seven survive: Emma, wife of Albert Bernhard of Sandusky; Philomina, wife of George Harkness of Margaretta Township; Leo, of Margaretta Township; Anthony, of Margaretta Township; Henry, of the same township; Frank J., of the same township; Emil E., also of Margaretta Township.

Frank J. Fitz grew to manhood in his home locality and gained a substantial training in the public schools and has profited well by the experiences and lessons learned in the practical school of life. He owns a farm of fifty acres, and in addition to general farming has also for several years been identified with the fishing industry, which he pursues during the regular fishing seasons of each year. He is one of the well known fishermen along the southern shore of the lake.

Mr. Fitz married Miss Anna S. McGookey of Margaretta Township,

daughter of Michael McGookey. To their marriage have been born two children: Miriam S. R. and Sarah E.

As to politics Mr. Fitz has been identified with the regular democratic party, but does not allow national politics to interfere with his judgment in local matters. He is now serving in his second term as township trustee, and the locality has had many reasons to congratulate him for his capable service in that office. He is affiliated with Crystal Rock Tent of the Knights of the Maccabees and has held several offices in that order.

Oren A. Parker. Groton Township has been the home of Mr. Parker since 1895, and in that time he has brought to a high state of perfection his attractive farm on the Monroeville and Venice road. He has proved himself upright and honorable in citizenship and business dealings, and is one of the vigorous men who are now carrying the burdens of agricultural management in Erie County.

He is a native of Sandusky County, having been born on a farm in York Township April 28, 1871, a son of Levi and Caroline (Michael) Parker. The Parker family has been identified with this country by residence for a number of generations. Levi Parker was born in Pennsylvania while his wife was a native of Fremont, Ohio. The former is now deceased, while the mother is still living at the old home in York Township of Sandusky County, being now in her seventy-fifth year. Levi Parker was a son of Isaac Parker, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1801 and moved out to Sandusky County, Ohio, in 1842, locating on a farm in York Township. Isaac Parker's father was a Revolutionary soldier, and was ninety-seven years of age when he died. Long life seems to have been characteristic of members of the Parker family, since Levi Parker was eighty-one when he died in August, 1905. The first of the Parker ancestors came from the vicinity of London, England, to the colony of Connecticut, from which state others of the family moved to Pennsylvania, and from there they came into Ohio.

Oren A. Parker has spent practically all his life in Sandusky and Erie County. He grew up on his father's farm in York Township and the education which he was able to acquire from the public schools was supplemented by a term of attendance at the Northern Ohio University at Ada. Practical experience has also been one of his best teachers in life.

On July 17, 1895, he married Miss Maud Harris, who was born in Groton Township of Erie County, daughter of Samuel Harris, a resident of that township for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have two children, Odessa M. and Edith A., both of whom are graduates of the Sandusky Business College in addition to a local school training, and are very accomplished young ladies and popular members of the younger social circles in Groton Township. Mr. Parker has lived in Erie County since 1894 and since his marriage has lived on his present farm already mentioned. His place comprises 112 acres of highly cultivated land, and he has managed it for twenty years on the principles of mixed and general farming. Mr. Parker is a republican in politics, and he and his family are members of the Sand Hill Methodist Episcopal Church. His public spirit has shown itself in many ways, and he is particularly a loyal supporter of public schools and education and everything which means the betterment of his home community.

Lorenzo W. Harrison. For something like eighty-five years members of the family of Lorenzo W. Harrison, native son of Erie County and veteran of the Civil war, have found their homes in Florence Township, and four generations of the family lie buried in the little cemetery

LORENZO W. HARRISON

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which is devoted exclusively to the family use, and which is a part of the original Harrison farm. This is a family that stands foremost in the community, and rightfully so. Through successive generations its members have proved their worth in no uncertain terms, and in time of stress they have never failed the expectations of their fellow men, under whatever circumstances. No name is more worthy of specific mention in this historical production than is that of Harrison, and brief mention will here be made of the foremost representatives of the family. through four generations.

Lorenzo W. Harrison is the son of John and Adelphia (Washburn) Harrison, the grandson of Philip and Catherine (Phillips) Harrison, and the great-grandson of Thomas and Peggy Harrison.

Thomas Harrison was a Revolutionary soldier. He was a native of New York State, and there reared his family. He was strongly imbued with the pioneer spirit that has meant so much in the development of our land, and late in life he left his old home and came to Ohio, settling in Florence Township. Here he died on December 16, 1838, when he was eighty-five years old, and he is buried in the family plot which was then dedicated to the family. His faithful wife survived him three years, and has lain by his side these many years, while the family fortunes have advanced, and the name of Harrison has in each succeeding generation added something praiseworthy to itself. Undying credit is due these fine old pioneers who left a settled country to try their fortunes in the wilderness of Erie County 100 years ago. What is called the Old Ridge Road runs through the territory pre-empted by old Thomas Harrison in that early day, and it would be indeed difficult to estimate today the value that has accrued to the county through the advent of this one family.

Philip Harrison, one of the sons of Thomas, was born in Cattaraugus County, New York. He married there and his children were born in that state prior to the removal of the family to the west. All but one daughter came with Philip and Catherine Harrison to Erie County, Ohio, some time in the '20s, and settled in the heart of a virgin forest. Their home continued there to the end of their lives, and Philip died there on October 11, 1853, when he was sixty-nine years of age. His widow survived him for several years, and was past eighty years old when death claimed her. She lived through the Civil war and the early years of the reconstruction period, and when she died was mourned by all who knew her. They reared a large family of sons and daughters, and most of them are at rest in the family cemetery of the old farmstead.

One of their children was John Harrison, father of the subject. He was born in 1818 and died on the farm home of the Harrison family on June 20, 1862, when he was but forty-four years old. He was a farmer all his life, lived quietly and industriously and was a credit to the family and the community. He married Adelphia Washburn as has been stated elsewhere. She was a native daughter of Erie County, and spent most of her life in Florence Township. Following the death of her husband she took up her residence with one of their sons, Amasa, in Russell County, Kansas, and she died there ten years ago at an advanced age.

The surviving children of these parents are Lorenzo W. of this review; Amasa of Russell, Kansas; and Emma, the wife of William Vincent, of Charlotte, Michigan.

Lorenzo W. Harrison was born near the site of his present home on December 19, 1846. His life has been spent within the borders of Erie County with the exception of something like five or six years, which he spent as a fisherman on Lake Erie. During that time he lived in Canada and Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Harrison was still in his teens when he

enlisted for service in the Civil war in January, 1864. His enlistment was from Berlin, Erie County, and he was discharged in August, 1865, at Lexington, North Carolina, as a private in the Ninth Ohio Cavalry. He saw much active service during the period of his enlistment, and participated in a good many notable engagements, including Kilpatrick's charge at Waynesburg, Georgia. His command was constantly in touch with the enemy through those months, and he was in the last engagement of the war at Chappel Hill, North Carolina. His brigade was a part of General Sherman's army, and on the march to the sea Mr. Harrison had nine horses from first to last on this trip. Barring a few weeks spent in hospital through illness, his service was unbroken, and at no time did he suffer injury in action. Mr. Harrison was a member of the scouting party sent out to apprehend Jeff Davis, but the capture was made by another party before his command caught up with Davis. The old Spencer seven shot repeating carbine and sabre which he carried throughout his service are still prized possessions of Mr. Harrison, which he values highly as trophies of his activities in the war.

After his return to his home in Florence Township Mr. Harrison engaged in farming and barring the time spent in fishing on Lake Erie he has not deviated from that work. He owns three farms in the township, aggregating 144 acres, all of which is highly improved, and on the home place are sturdy buildings which he erected years ago.

Mr. Harrison married Miss Hortense Deray, who was born in Loraine County in 1849, and who was the daughter of David and Penelope Hitchman Deray, natives of New York State. They came to Loraine County and engaged in farming, there spending the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Harrison passed away at the family home on July 26, 1908. She was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church, a faithful and devoted wife and mother, and the friend of all who needed a friend.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison. Melvin, the eldest, lives on the home place. He married Kate Slaughter, nee Bailey, in Kansas, and they have one son, Howard, and a daughter, Margaret.

George, a butter and cheese maker, lives in Birmingham. He married Lulu Sprague, and they have children, Madeline, Milford and Marion.

Alma is the wife of Frank Chisholm, of Toledo, Ohio. They have two sons and two daughters, Margaret, Donald, Raymond and Elizabeth.

Sarah A. is the wife of Mike McGann, of Cleveland, Ohio. They have no children.

Mr. Harrison has been a republican all his years, and he has served his township in various official capacities. He was a member of a G. A. R. Post for years, but lately withdrew from the organization. He lives quietly in his boyhood home, and enjoys the high regard of young and old alike.

Albert C. Kromer. Of the families of German origin few have been longer and none more prominently identified with the agricultural and civic life of Erie County than the Kromers. Albert C. Kromer, who was born after the family became established in Erie County, has for many years directed the management of an excellent farm in Margaretta Township, and his prominence as a citizen is indicated by the various public positions which he has held. Since 1900 he has been one of the directors of the Erie County Agricultural Society, and his own attainments as a farmer well fit him for that representative position in the community.

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Born in Perkins Township of Erie County November 21, 1853, Albert C. Kromer is a son of Charles and Apollonia (Herb) Kromer, both of whom were born in Baden, Germany. Charles Kromer when eighteen years of age came with his father, Andrew Kromer, and other members of the family to America, and after reaching Erie County lived for a time in Sandusky and later moved to a farm in Perkins Township. They were quite early settlers in that district, and few men were better known there than Charles Kromer, whose death at the age of eighty-four removed one of the substantial early settlers of Perkins.

Albert C. Kromer was reared to man's estate on the old farm in Perkins Township, and gained his education from the local schools, this early training having been severely modified and supplemented by practical experience in after life. On May 11, 1880, a little more than thirty-five years ago, he married Miss Rosa Mainzer, who was also born in Perkins Township, a daughter of Peter and Christina (Smith) Mainzer. Her father was born in Prussia, Germany, but her mother was a native of Perkins Township. Her father died in 1900 and her mother is still living at the age of seventy-nine. Peter Mainzer was for many years a leading figure in agricultural and civic affairs in Perkins Township and for thirteen consecutive years served as township treasurer, and for a quarter of a century was one of the directors of the Erie County Agricultural Society. At one time he was an unsuccessful candidate for the office of infirmary director of the county. Peter Mainzer came to Erie County from Germany when about fourteen years of age with his father, Karl Mainzer, who located his family in Perkins Township, where Peter grew to manhood, and after his marriage spent many productive years as a capable agriculturist. He was a democrat in politics, and his activities as a farmer resulted in the clearing up of more than 100 acres from a wild state and the contribution of just that amount of fertile soil to the agricultural area of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Kromer by their marriage have become the parents of eight children. Adella B. is the wife of Dennis Messenburg of Margaretta Township; Amelia M. is the wife of George Ritzenthaler of Sandusky; Rosa E. is the wife of Chester Christman, living near Galion, Ohio; while the other living children are all residents of Margaretta Township, their names being Alva J., Karl P., Tena W., Aaron A., while the daughter, Winifred, is now deceased.

Mr. Kromer and family are members of the St. Mary's Catholic Church at Sandusky. For seventeen years Mr. Kromer served as a member of the board of education of Margaretta Township, and part of that time was president of the board. He is actively interested in the improvement of schools, and his own work has set an example and model for the progressive and enterprising agriculturist. He and his family are highly esteemed in the social circles of Margaretta township.

L. K. Burge. Many young men, when called upon to choose a career, are attracted by railroading, and this vocation has proven a rich field of opportunity to those possessed of the willingness to work hard and faithfully, to scorn inconvenience and hardship, to face unusual and often dangerous situations and to prove absolute fidelity to the systems that employ them. The great transportation companies, however, do not reward those who have not thus proved up. Men of sterling character are found among the officials of almost every line who would have undoubtedly succeeded in almost any line of activity because of the possession of the traits aforementioned, but who, through natural training and inclination, have become particularly competent trainmen. In this connection may be mentioned L. K. Burge, general superin-

tendent of the Lake Shore Electric Railroad, who has won promotion from the very bottom of the ladder.

Mr. Burge was born in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, on his father's farm, May 13, 1874, and is a son of I. C. and Margaret (Kearny) Burge. His father, a native of Ohio, was an early settler of Tippecanoe County, where he still resides. He has had three children, L. K. being the second in order of birth. The public schools of Lafayette, Indiana, furnished L. K. Burge with his early educational training, following which he entered Stockwell College, and was duly graduated therefrom. He had decided upon a career in railroading, and in order to familiarize himself with every department started at the bottom as a street car conductor and motorman for the City Traction Railway Company of Toledo. In these capacities the young collegian worked for four years, in the meantime assimilating all the information he could gather and devoting his spare moments to studying problems in regard to the handling of railroad affairs. At the end of that period his faithfulness was rewarded and his ability recognized by his appointment to the position of train dispatcher for the D. M. & T. Railway, continuing in that office three years and then resigning to come to Sandusky and accept the position of superintendent of the Sandusky Division of the Lake Shore Electric Lines. Still later, he was promoted superintendent of the entire system, which operates from Toledo to Cleveland, and in 1906 was made general superintendent, a capacity in which he is acting at this time.

As a railroad man Mr. Burge has become well known throughout the northern part of the state, and is recognized as an operator of superior capacity and ability. He has thoroughly familiarized himself with all the details of railroad business and management, and his promotion has been earned by hard work and through honesty, intelligent effort and efficient service. Being a close student of what may be termed "the science of railroading," and having a broad knowledge of the principles governing the operation of transportation companies, he was appointed a member of the committee for the training of employes on traction lines, and is the author of the first standard code for the operation of interurban railways and interurban lines, a system which has been almost universally adopted throughout the United States. Mr. Burge is a Master Mason, has a number of friends in fraternal life, and in connection with railroading is popular with his men and has the entire confidence of his associates.

John R. Graham. The Graham family, of which John R. Graham, a retired farmer of Huron Township, is a member, is traced back to the time of King Edward the Pretender, among whose supporters were several bearing the name. When that professed monarch was defeated, the Grahams, with others, were compelled to flee from Scotland and to take refuge in Ireland, a number locating in County Fermanagh, Ulster, where the family resided for a number of generations. There, in 1799, was born John Graham, the father of John R. Graham, and the only son of his parents, who, however, had several daughters: Jane, who married William Foster, came to the United States, lived in Ohio for a number of years and then moved to Lansing, Michigan, and at her death left no children now living; Mary, who married John Little, came to the United States, lived in New York City until her death, and left one son and three daughters; and Eliza, who married John Carson and passed her entire life in Ireland, where she died leaving a family.

John Graham, the father of John R. Graham, grew up on the farm of his father, Robert Graham, and when the latter died fell heir to the homestead, to which he had a fee simple, a rare document in Ireland. He was married in his native land to Jane Crozier, and in 1834 sold his

title to his tract of forty acres for more than $5,000, and with his wife and four children set sail for the United States. After six weeks on a sailing vessel the little party arrived at the port of New York, from whence they traveled by way of the Hudson River and the Erie Canal to Buffalo, then down Lake Erie to Huron, and west to the Perkins Township line, about four miles from Huron, and in Huron Township about one mile from Sandusky Bay, in section 34. There Mr. Graham purchased 200 acres of timber land, partly improved, and settled his family in a frame house which had been built by the former resident, and which is still standing and occupied, a landmark of the early days. Mr. Graham added fifty acres to his first purchase, put in numerous improvements and erected large barns and other buildings, becoming the owner of one of the fine farms of the locality. There he died in 1855, when fifty-six years of age. He was a man of thrifty, industrious habits, and his chief recreations consisted of hunting and fishing, by which he kept the family larder well supplied with fish and game. He was a man of strictly temperate habits, and of stern probity in both public and private affairs of life. A free soiler, he voted for James G. Burney. His religious belief was that of the Methodist Church.

John Graham was married in County Fermanagh, Ireland, to Jane Crozier, the daughter of Rev. Robert Crozier, of Ireland, a prominent Methodist minister, a man of talent and influence, and an extensive traveler in his native country, where he preached in many of the principal cities. Mrs. Graham was reared and well educated in the City of Dublin, was a woman of more than ordinary accomplishments, and throughout her life exhibited many qualities of mind and heart that endeared her to a wide circle of friends. She died in 1887, at the age of eighty-one years. Until she was forty years of age she was a Methodist, but at that time her son John died, and she mourned so greatly that in an attempt to ease her agony of mind she was given some Universalistic literature. In this way she was converted to the Universalist faith and continued to be a force and influence for neighborly love in her community during the rest of her life. There was room in her heart for those of all creeds and denominations, and the Graham residence continued to be the home for the Methodist preachers who came to visit this locality for many years. There were thirteen children in the family, of whom four were born in Ireland and the rest in Erie County, Ohio. Nine grew to maturity, eight were married and four still survive, all living in this county. They are: John R., of this review; Sallie E., who is the wife of George Swift, a farmer of Huron Township; Anna, the widow of George Hinde, living on a farm in Perkins Township; and Gustavus.

Gustavus Graham was born March 17, 1838, in Erie County, Ohio, was well educated in the public schools, grew up on the home farm, and in 1878 was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board of county commissioners, this appointment coming unsolicited. Later he was elected to the office for a term of three years, and in 1895 was elected county treasurer on the republican ticket, serving from 1896 to 1900; he has also served the Township of Huron as assessor, during the period of the Civil war, and during the '70s as trustee. He has been a delegate to county, state and congressional conventions, and has always taken an active part in local politics. In 1881 he contributed to the upbuilding of his community by the erection of a handsome modern home on his farm of sixty-two acres, which is located on the shores of Lake Erie, in Huron Township, where he has lived for forty years. Mr. Graham is one of the substantial men of his community, and the confidence in which he is held by his fellow-citizens has been demonstrated by the estates which he has administered, including the Hinds and other properties.

Mr. Graham was married in Huron Township to Martha Hughes, who was born here in 1840, and she died at the home April 9, 1910. One child was born to this union: Cora, who died in 1915 at the age of twenty-six years, unmarried.

John R. Graham was born on the old homestead farm in Huron Township, Erie County, Ohio, October 18, 1853. He was given good educational advantages in the public schools, and was reared amid agricultural surroundings and carefully trained in the work of the farm. When he reached the age of twenty-one years he came into possession of the homestead property, which is located in the western part of Huron Township and was purchased by his father in 1835, and here he has continued to make his home ever since. He has installed improvements of the most modern and substantial kind, has stocked his place with good livestock, has purchased the most highly improved machinery, and has erected substantial buildings for the shelter of his stock, produce and implements. He resided in the old residence until 1895, when he moved to his new home on the west side of the farm, on the township road between Huron and Perkins, a comfortable eight-room house with basement, which includes the most modern conveniences, including furnace heat and bath, and below stairs all finished in hard wood.

Mr. Graham was married in Perkins Township to Miss Jennie Vannatta, who was born in her father's old stone house at Bogart, Perkins Township, August 21, 1860, and reared there, receiving a good education in the public and normal schools. She is a daughter of Philip and Ann (Gurley) Vannatta, the former born at Martins Creek, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1838, and the latter born January 4, 1842, in Milan Township, Erie County, Ohio. Mrs. Graham's parents were married at Bogart, at the old historical stone house which in very early days was used as a tavern. They began life in Perkins Township as farmers and still make their home in that locality, now living on South Colorado Avenue, within the city limits of Sandusky. The father is seventy-seven years of age and the mother seventy-three, and both are in the enjoyment of the fruits of industrious and well-ordered lives. Mrs. Vannatta is a daughter of William and Nancy J. (Stephenson) Gurley, natives of Connecticut, the former of whom was brought to Ohio by his parents when a child of six months and grew up in Sandusky County. He was a son of Rev. William Gurley, a native of Ireland and a noted early pioneer Methodist preacher, who lived to be more than 100 years of age. William Gurley died at the old stone house in Perkins Township, when eighty-five years of age, while his wife, Nancy J., was sixty-four years of age when she passed away. Mrs. Graham is the eldest of five children, all of whom are living and married and have families, but of whom she is the only one now living in Erie County.

To Mr. and Mrs. Graham there have been born two children: Merrell R., who died at the age of five years; and Prof. John Bert. John Bert Graham was born January 18, 1886, and received his early educational training in the public schools. This was supplemented by a high school course at Sandusky, where he was graduated in 1903, and he then became a student in the department of music, Oberlin (Ohio) College, where he was graduated in 1908. At that time he took up music as a teacher, and was first located at Bryan, Texas, then returning to Ohio and being instructor at Hiram College for one year. This was succeeded by three years at Fairmount College, Wichita, Kansas, and in 1913 he accepted a position at the Conservatory of Music, Waxahatchie, near Dallas, Texas, where he has since continued. He is possessed of much talent, and is widely known in musical circles throughout the West and Middle West. He is a Blue Lodge Mason. Professor Graham

married Miss Blanche Maxon, who was born in the West and educated at Oberlin College, Wooster, Ohio. They are the parents of one son, John Bert, Jr., aged one year. Professor and Mrs. Graham are members of the Congregational Church, as is also Mrs. John R. Graham, while the elder man is an attendant of that church. John R. Graham is a republican, and while not a politician is known as a man of influence in his community. He is the possessor of an excellent reputation in business circles, is relied upon absolutely by his associates, and in public affairs is ready to do his full share in supporting public-spirited movements and enterprises.

Arden A. Storrs. In his extensive agricultural operations, which he is carrying on in Perkins Township, on his handsome farm of 135 acres, Arden A. Storrs has adopted modern methods, which he has directed in an intelligent manner that has brought him a full measure of returns from the labors he has expended upon his property. While general farming has interested him principally, Mr. Storrs has also been engaged quite extensively in the raising of stock, an occupation to which he has given much thought and study, and in both lines he has come to be accounted an expert by those who have watched the increasingly successful results of his undertakings.

Mr. Storrs is a native son of the community in which he now lives, born on a farm in Perkins Township, Erie County, Ohio, November 19, 1852, a son of Elisha C. and Jerusha (Taylor) Storrs. His grandfather, Reuben Storrs, was born in Connecticut, and some time after his marriage left his native state and started in ox teams on the long and perilous journey overland to the then new country of Ohio. When the family reached Dunkirk, New York, a stop was made and there was born Elisha G. Storrs, April 25, 1821. Subsequently the little party started again on their migration, and finally, after traveling a number of miles over Indian trails, the only roads to be found at that time, arrived at their destination, the woods of Perkins Township. There the grandfather continued to spend the remaining years of his life in agricultural pursuits, and died well advanced in years, one of his community's honored pioneers. His son, Elisha G. Storrs, grew up amid pioneer surroundings and acquired his education in the little schoolhouse visited by the subscription teacher. His boyhood and youth were passed in learning farming methods, and when he attained his manhood he began to farm on his own account, that vocation receiving his attention throughout his life. Like his father he was widely known as a man of integrity and straightforward dealing, and his community suffered a distinct loss in his death. Mrs. Storrs, who was a native of Perkins Township, and also a member of one of the pioneer families of this locality, also attained advanced years. Both she and her husband were members of the Perkins Methodist Episcopal Church for many years, and took an active and helpful part in its work.

Arden A. Storrs was reared on the old homestead farm in Perkins Township and obtained a good education in the Perkins Township School. Subsequently, he entered the Sandusky High School, where he was duly graduated in 1870, and at that time entered upon a career as a schoolteacher. After several years thus spent, Mr. Storrs returned to the home farm and began to engage in the vocation which his father and grandfather had followed before him and in which he has continued to be occupied to the present. His farm of 135 acres is now under a high state of cultivation, and under Mr. Storrs' excellent management yields large crops. Since early manhood he has been foremost in the public enterprises which have proved advantageous to his home locality, and is now, and has been for a number of years, serving as vice president of

the Erie County Mutual Insurance Company, of which his father was one of the founders. He is a charter member of the Perkins Grange, in which he has served as master and in other capacities, and his political views correspond with the platform of the republican party. A consistent member of the Perkins Methodist Episcopal Church, he has held various offices therein and for a long period has been superintendent of the Sunday school. All in all, he is an active and stirring citizen, and a worthy representative of the best agricultural element of Erie County.

Mr. Storrs was married December 7, 1876, to Miss Mina H. House, daughter of the late Lindsley and Mary A. (Young) House. Her father, a native of Connecticut, was brought to Erie County when three years of age and passed the rest of his life in Perkins Township, where he became a man of influence and a prominent and successful agriculturist. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Storrs: Edith V., who is the wife of Ross Sour, a resident of Fremont, Ohio; Maud, who is the wife of Jesse C. Seymour, of Elyria, Ohio; Harry E., who is engaged in farming with his father in Perkins Township; and Blanche E., who is deceased.

Jay C. Smith. Of all the multifarious occupations of mankind, probably the most indispensable is that of agriculture, for upon the farmer all other classes of society depend in large measure. The extent of the obligation is not always recognized by those in other walks of life, nor do they appreciate at its full value the extent of theoretical and practical knowledge required to pursue this calling successfully at the present day. The fact, however, that colleges are established all over the country for teaching this important science should be conclusive evidence to everyone that the cultivation of the soil, with its related branches of dairying and stockraising, is much more than a matter of mere manual labor. To have attained rank among the successful and prosperous farmers of any up to date American community implies the possession of qualities that would compel success in many other important callings. A conspicuous example of this kind is the subject of this memoir, Jay C. Smith, proprietor of the well known Smith farm in Margaretta Township, Erie County, Ohio. Mr. Smith was born in this township, November 8, 1844, a son of Samuel H. and Rachel (Mack) Smith. His paternal grandfather was a pioneer settler here and resided in the township many years, following the occupation of a surveyor. He was a Master Mason and a prominent member of Mount Vernon (Ohio) Lodge. About 1852 he went to Texas, where he found a wide field to exercise his professional skill, doing a large amount of surveying in the neighborhood of Houston. Although he died during the Civil war period, he had by that time acquired a large amount of land, at his death owning something like 50,000 acres in that vicinity.

Samuel H. Smith, son of Samuel and father of Jay C., spent the entire active period of his life in Margaretta Township, this county, operating the farm now owned by his son, Jay. In early years, when he settled here with his parents, the land was heavily timbered and deer and other wild game were plentiful in the forest. To him in large measure devolved the pioneer task of clearing the farm, and many years of arduous labor were necessary before the rank forest growth gave way to the smiling, fruitful fields of today. But our pioneer forefathers were never lacking in either courage or energy and in course of time the beneficial change was effected. A man of much force of character, Samuel H. Smith was well and favorably known both in Erie and adjoining counties. He was strongly opposed to slavery, and after the

formation of the republican party he became one of its most stanch supporters. To the cultivation of the soil he added the raising of stock, carrying on both branches of farm work with prosperous results. He died in 1871, honored and respected by all who knew him. His wife, Rachel Mack Smith, was a native of Erie County, Ohio. Of their children the subject of this memoir is now the only survivor.

Jay C. Smith, who was his parents' only son, acquired his literary education in the public schools of Margaretta Township, this county, and the Sandusky High School, at the same time acquiring a practical knowledge of farm life and work. In June, 1863, when a young man not yet nineteen years of age, he enlisted as a private in Company M, First Ohio Heavy Artillery, under Capt. Henry J. Bly, who subsequently became the father of the famous Nellie Bly, journalist and war correspondent, now or recently following her vocation on European battlefields. After two years' service in Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina, during which time he saw plenty of good fighting and took part in many a long and weary march, he was honorably discharged in 1865, after the close of the war, and returned home to Castalia, Ohio, his present place of residence. Here he took up farm work, including dairying and stock-raising, and applied himself with the energy of his forefathers to achieve success in his chosen calling. How well he has done so is known to every inhabitant of Margaretta and the neighboring townships. His farm contains some 400 acres of excellent land, a considerable portion being highly cultivated and the rest utilized for grazing purposes, as he makes a specialty of raising thoroughbred Holstein cattle. In this branch of his work, as in all the rest, he has been highly successful and his name figures among those of prominent stockmen in this part of the state. For over a quarter of a century he has furnished the milk for the State Soldiers' Home, near Sandusky. A public-spirited citizen, Mr. Smith is always ready to lend his aid and influence to any plan for the improvement of local conditions and the general welfare of the community. He is a prominent member of the Grand Army Post at Castalia.

Mr. Smith was first married to Miss Alice Sewell, of Louisiana, of which union there were three children, all sons, namely: James, Jr., residing in Castalia; Jay B., who is a member of the heavy artillery, United States army, and is now stationed at Boston, Massachusetts, and Floyd S., a resident of Castalia, who is a veteran of the Spanish-American war. Mr. Smith married for his second wife May O. Palmer, of Castalia, Ohio, daughter of V. Palmer, an esteemed resident of this town. By this union also there have been three children, as follows: Flossie, wife of Carl Ketter, of Sandusky, Ohio; Mary, a student in a ladies' college at Nashville, Tennessee, and George L., of Castalia, who is carrier on a rural mail route connected with that postoffice. The members of Mr. Smith's family are typical representatives of the best American citizenship, who do credit to their upbringing, and are respected and esteemed wherever they reside.

Michael McGookey. This venerable citizen of Erie County, now past seventy-five years of age, who with firm step and unclouded mind still attends to the daily routine of affairs, has during his long and useful life in this county witnessed the greater share of its development and has borne a part in its material and civic progress. Though now living somewhat retired at his comfortable farm home in Margaretta Township, he still manifests a keen and intelligent interest in all that affects the welfare of his native county, and is widely and favorably known as a man of progress and public spirit.

The McGookey family have been identified with Erie County since early pioneer times, and Michael McGookey was born at Venice in this county December 28, 1839. His parents, James and Catherine McGookey, were both natives of Ireland, and after coming to this country settled at Venice, where they lived a number of years, but when their son Michael was seven years of age the family went to Margaretta Township and bought a farm half a mile west of where Michael now resides. At that time Margaretta Township's lands were covered with a heavy growth of forest, and the McGookey family for a number of years lived in the woods and gradually worked out the process of clearing and planting the soil. Both parents died there, and James McGookey should be remembered for his pioneer part in that community. Nearly all the early childhood associations of Michael McGookey are with Margaretta Township, and while subject to the influences of the rural environment, he also attended the public schools, and came to manhood with a good preparation for the serious duties of the world. He was not yet twenty-two years of age when on May 13, 1861, he enlisted in Company C of the Twenty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and went with that regiment into the Army of the Ohio and subsequently the Army of the Cumberland. His most important battles were those of Pittsburg Landing, Stone River and Perryville, and he did his duty faithfully as a soldier in the great campaign which wrested an important part of the Mississippi Valley from the Confederacy. At the end of his three years he received an honorable discharge on June 22, 1864, and then returned to Erie County. For more than half a century now his home has been in Margaretta Township, and with farming as his principal vocation he has prospered in proportion to the hard work and intelligence which he is well known to have applied to all his undertakings.

On December 11, 1864, not many weeks after he returned from the war, he was married to Sarah W. Wiegel. She was born in Huron, Ohio, February 12, 1844, a daughter of Bernhardt and Anna (Mantz) Wiegel, both of whom were natives of Germany, and early in their lives settled in Margaretta Township. A family of five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McGookey: Harry B., who lives in Sandusky; Anna S., wife of Frank J. Fitz, of Margaretta Township; James W., of Margaretta Township; Jay M., whose home is in the State of Georgia; and Carrie, who is a professional nurse and lives with her parents in Margaretta Township.

While securing his share of prosperity which rewards the efforts of the thrifty farmers of Erie County, Mr. McGookey has also attended to the public affairs of his community. He served two terms as township assessor, and since war times has been a regular republican in politics. He is affiliated with the Grand Army Post of Castalia, and is a member of Crystal Rock Tent of the Knights of the Maccabees, in which tent he has served as record keeper for a number of years.

August B. Appeman. Some of the capable and successful farm enterprise of Florence Township has been conducted for a number of years by members of the Appeman family. The late August B. Appeman possessed unusual ability in agricultural lines and was also a citizen who commanded the respect and regard of all who knew him. Mrs. Appeman since her husband's death has shown herself the equal of many men in business affairs and with her children growing up about her has looked well after the duties of her household and has thriftily managed the farm, which both in appearance and in substantial value should be classed with the best country estates in the vicinity of Florence Village.

AUGUST B. APPEMAN

The late August B. Appeman was born at Amherst in Lorain County, Ohio, June 15, 1862, and died October 24, 1912, when a little more than fifty years of age. His parents were John and Catherine (Smith) Appeman, who were born in Germany, came to this country when young, and were married in Lorain County, where they afterwards spent their lives as farmers near Amherst. They were members of the German Reformed Church. For further information concerning the Appeman family see sketch of Charles P. Sebolt.

August B. Appeman grew up and received his education in the vicinity of Amherst and made his home there until about thirty years ago, when he moved into Florence Township and bought 176 acres half a mile south of the Village of Florence. On that farm he spent the rest of his active career, and before his death had brought all the land under cultivation and had effected many improvements, so that he left his wife and children with a handsome property. The home is an eight-room house, with a good barn 20 by 40 feet. The late Mr. Appeman was a man to be relied upon, and his word could be implicitly trusted whenever it was spoken as a promise. He was a democrat in politics but sought no participation in local offices.

In Florence Township he married Miss Anna M. Stickreth. She was born in Germany, March 14, 1867, but has no recollections of her home in the fatherland since when nine months of age she was brought to the United States by her parents, August and Elizabeth (Peter) Stickreth. The family at that time also included her brother, August, who died at the age of nine years. On leaving Germany the Stickreth family embarked on a sailing vessel at Bremen and some weeks later were landed in New York City, coming on west as far as Huron in Erie County and after a few years moving into Florence Township, where her father bought a farm south of Florence Village, but later sold that place of thirty acres and secured a larger farm of sixty acres north of the village. There her parents spent the rest of their useful careers. Her father died in 1901 at the age of seventy-four and her mother passed away December 7, 1912, also at the age of seventy-four. They were members of the German Reformed Church, and her father after securing citizenship voted as a democrat.

Mrs. Appeman for the past three years, aided by her growing son, has proved herself a capable farmer as well as a home maker. She is the mother of children who are growing up to do their honor and are proving themselves competent in their tasks whether at home or in school. Her oldest child, Carl, died when seven years of age. Elsie C., the oldest daughter, completed her education in the common and high schools, and is now employed as a stenographer with the C. E. Ward Company at New London, Ohio. The next in age is Harold J., aged nineteen, who has finished the course of the local schools, and is now his mother's capable assistant in running the large farm. Maude is now a student in the Berlin Heights High School and a member of the class of 1917. Florence M. is in the seventh grade of the public schools, while Esther G. is in the fourth grade and Hazel V., the youngest, is in the second grade. Mrs. Appeman and family are members of the Congregational Church.

Prof. I. Lee Davis. The surest measure of the degree of advancement to which a community has attained is to be found in the efficiency of its public schools. Universal education is a thing of modern times and is intimately associated with modern progress. From the time early in the nineteenth century when Lord Brougham uttered the pithy phrase, "The schoolmaster is abroad," to the present, the tendency in

all the most advanced nations has been toward increased educational facilities for the masses. The famous Ordinance of 1787 for governing the Northwest Territory, which included the State of Ohio, contained the provision: "Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary for the welfare of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged," and although the ordinance was later superseded by the constitution, Ohio has always lived up to that provision. Probably no community of equal size in this state has any advantage over Castalia, Erie County, in the high standard attained and maintained by its public and high school, which, since September, 1913, has been under the direction of Prof. I. Lee Davis, as principal. As the school as it is today is much what Mr. Davis has made it, a brief sketch of his career will not be without interest to the readers of this volume. Mr. Davis is a native son of Ohio, his birth having taken place at Hamersville, Brown County, October 8, 1888. His parents were William L. and Lillie (Pask) Davis, of whom the father is now deceased, he having died when the son was but three weeks old. Mr. Davis' mother is still living and is now a resident of Cincinnati.

Until he was sixteen years of age, I. Lee Davis resided in his native county, attending school at Locust Ridge, where he acquired the first elements of knowledge. His mother then removed with their family to Cincinnati, and here for a time he was a student at the Norwood High School. He then taught school for about a year, subsequent to which he attended the academy connected with Marietta College, at Marietta, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1909. The next year was spent as a student at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, where he made an excellent record for scholarship. His ability was now beginning to be recognized and when he left Kenyon he found no difficulty in securing a position as teacher in the Boys' Industrial School at Lancaster, Ohio, where he remained for one year. At the end of that time, or in 1910, he came from that place to Castalia and for two years subsequently taught the seventh and eighth grades in the public school here, showing a high degree of capacity. An opportunity for a vacation now occurring, Mr. Davis spent a year in domestic travel, visiting various parts of the United States, improving his acquaintance with mankind and increasing his general stock of knowledge. When he resumed his educational labors here it was as principal of the school in which he had made so good a record as teacher. Capable and progressive, he has brought the school up to a high standard of efficiency, and that his efforts have been appreciated is evidenced by the fact that in April of the present year, 1915, he was elected superintendent of the public schools of Margaretta and Groton townships, Erie County, Ohio, his duties in this office to begin in the coming month of August. Professor Davis' record is the more creditable to him in that he acquired his education chiefly through his own exertions. Although not yet twenty-seven years of age, he has already taken rank among the successful educators of the state and his future career will be watched with interest by his friends.

On June 11, 1914, Prof. I. Lee Davis was married to Mary L. Jones, daughter of Rev. Thomas I. and Ellen D. Jones, of Gallia County, Ohio. Her parents were both of Welsh extraction; her father, now deceased, was formerly a well-known minister of the Congregational Church in Gallia County. Mrs. Davis is a graduate of the Department of Music of the Ohio Northern University, at Ada, Ohio. Both she and her husband are highly esteemed members of the best society of Castalia.

George F. Parker. The business of agriculture, although entailing plenty of hard work, and not free from occasional losses and disappointments, is one, nevertheless, that possesses some peculiar advantages.

The master farmer is, perhaps, of all men who labor with their hands, the most free and independent. As a rule he owns his lands and homestead and every improvement he makes thereon redounds to his own benefit. His life in the main is a healthful one, much more so than that of the city toiler, for he gets abundant exercise in the open air and is not subject to anything like the same extent to those temptations to vice and dissipation which beset the city man and cut short so many a promising career. Neither is his work as hard as it was in former days, when practically all the land was a forest, diversified by streams, lakes and swamps. The labor of tree-felling is practically a thing of the past—at least in the middle states—and no farmer wishes it back, though accompanied by all of its subsequent log-rolling festivities so familiar to our ancestors, and which compensated them for many a long day of back-breaking labor in the woods, with the constant danger of ambush and massacre by savage foes. No, compared with the lot of one of those old pioneers, that of the modern agriculturist is one to be envied and desired. Although removed from the city, he is not without its best advantages. The railroad brings him within easy reach of some large center of population, the rural mail carrier passes daily with letters and papers, bringing news from loved ones or of the events occurring throughout the country, or in other parts of the world; and if he wishes for immediate communication the telegraph office is not far away and in his own home is the telephone, by means of which he can talk with his neighbors in any part of his township or county, or in places still farther away. His farming operations are largely conducted with the aid of improved machinery, which would have made his grandfather, or perhaps even his father, open his eyes in delighted surprise, while in a convenient building on his homestead there is, not infrequently, a high-power automobile in which, on Saturday afternoons or on Sunday he can take his family out to distant points with all the speed and luxury of a city millionaire.

A good example of this independent and prosperous class of citizens is George F. Parker, of Margaretta Township, Erie County, Ohio, who has a wide reputation as a successful agriculturist and fruit grower. Mr. Parker is no rolling stone, for he has resided in Margaretta Township all his life up to date, having been born here January 12, 1861. His parents were Jackson and Catherine (Shock) Parker, and he is a grandson of Isaac Parker, a native of Pennsylvania, and of English ancestry, who, at an early date, removed to Seneca County, Ohio, thence to Sandusky County, this state, and finally to Lansing, Michigan, where he died.

Jackson Parker, father of George F., settled in Margaretta Township, Erie County, Ohio, in the late '50s of the last century, being then a comparatively young man. He engaged in agriculture and for many years was one of the township's best known citizens, as he remained here until his death, which took place in 1913, when he was in his eighty-fifth year. In politics he was independent. Both he and his wife were natives of Pennsylvania.

Their son, George F. Parker, was reared in Margaretta Township and educated in its public schools. He was early initiated into all the mysteries of farm life and labor and has since seen no reason to change his vocation, being now the owner of an excellent farm of 158 acres, well provided with commodious barns and outbuildings and a substantial and comfortable residence. He raises the usual crops to be found in this locality and gives considerable attention to fruit growing, in which he has been very successful. In politics he is a republican with independent proclivities.

Mr. Parker was first married to Margaret Geastier, a daughter of Frederick Geastier, of Oxford Township, this county. Of this union were born five children, namely: Clara C., wife of Elmer Russell, of Groton Township; Frederick J., Freda S., Irvin H. and Grace E. Mr. Parker was married secondly to Mrs. Louise Ried, widow of the Rev. Philip J. Ried, a Lutheran minister, formerly a resident of Margaretta Township, this county, who died in February, 1912. Mr. Ried was a native of Michigan, but was educated in St. Paul, Minnesota. For some ten years he was pastor of the Lutheran Church at Castalia, Ohio, and was a man greatly loved and esteemed. By Mr. Parker's first marriage there were three children, Mildred, Theodore and Ruth. Mr. Parker is an active, up-to-date citizen, progressive and public-spirited, taking a friendly interest in his neighbors' welfare as well as in his own, and he and his estimable wife, who is a lady of culture and refinement, are among the most popular residents of this township.

Albert H. Matt. One of the leading industries along the lake shore of Erie County is that concerned with the collecting and handling and marketing of fish. At the little City of Huron the main business along that line is the Huron Fish Company, of which Albert H. Matt is secretary and general manager. This is a highly prosperous concern, and its success can be largely traced to the energy and judicious management of Mr. Matt. The company is engaged both in the production or catching and the shipping of fish as a wholesale house. The business was incorporated in 1907 with John Lay, Sr., president, Oscar Lay as vice president, and Mr. Matt as manager and secretary. While the capital stock is $5,000, the operations of the firm are on a much larger and more important scale than this capitalization would indicate. The company has a large and well-equipped plant at the Huron wharf, with one building 30 by 50 feet, and the fish house proper, a structure 40 by 75 feet, both nearly new buildings. The company ships fish to hundreds of towns and cities between the Mississippi River and the Atlantic Coast and from Wisconsin south to Nashville, Tennessee. They handle from about 500 to 800 tons of fresh fish each season. Since 1911 Mr. Matt has been the chief factor in the management of this business. The other four stockholders in the company are John Lay, Sr., of Sandusky, one of the pioneers in the fish business around Lake Erie; Charles Lay and Oscar Lay, sons of the first named, both of Sandusky, and John Lay, Jr., another son, of Port Clinton, Ohio.

Mr. Matt is a grandson on his mother's side of B. A. Hudson, who came to Huron during the '30s and in the early '60s founded the fishery plant now owned and managed by the Huron Fish Company. B. A. Hudson not only operated at Huron, but also in Monroe, Michigan, finally disposing of his plant in the former city in the '70s and selling his interests at Huron in 1890 to John G. Matt, father of Albert H. Mr. Hudson then retired from active business and spent his last years in comfort, passing away December 7, 1897, when past sixty years of age. He was born in Oneida County, New York, February 1, 1832, and came with his people from Buffalo to Huron by lake boat during the early '30s. Both his parents died in Erie County. B. A. Hudson married Julia Williams at Flint, Michigan, August 22, 1856. She died in Huron June 16, 1892. The Hudsons were among the early members of the Episcopal Church at Huron, and were among its chief supporters. B. A. Hudson was a radical democrat, and always showed an active interest in local affairs, serving as a member of the town council. In the early days he was an overseer of the Wheeling Dock at Huron.

John G. Matt, father of Albert H., was born in Sandusky, Ohio, in 1853, and died at his home October 27, 1914. His parents were John G.

and Otelia (Bermadinger) Matt, both natives of Germany, who came to America during the '40s and located in Sandusky. That was a time when practically all traffic across the ocean was by sailing vessel, and a sailing ship brought them to America, and from New York City they came on to Sandusky by way of the Hudson River, the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes. After their family had grown up, John G. Matt, Sr., and wife removed to Venice, Ohio, and he died there when past sixty and she when about seventy-two years of age. They were Catholic in the old country, having been reared in that faith in Baden, Germany, but after coming to America became associated with the Episcopal Church, and died in that faith. There was a large family of children, among whom may be mentioned Mrs. J. B. Weber, of Sandusky; Mrs. Frank Shepherd, of Venice; Mrs. J. G. Gillard, of Montana, and E. J. Matt, of Huron. John G. Matt, Jr., grew up in Sandusky and Venice and received his education at Castalia, Ohio, and in Oberlin College. He came to Huron as a young man and took work as a mercantile clerk with Mr. Shepherd, later became a grocer, and a few years after that was made foreman of the fish business of the Wickham Company. After spending a year or two in the West seeking renewed health, in 1890 he returned to Huron to take up the business of his father-in-law, Mr. Hudson, and some years later advanced from a partnership to sole ownership of the industry. In those days the plant was known as Hudson Brothers & Matt. In 1895 John G. Matt sold the business to Henry Lay, of Sandusky, and after working as a fish buyer for a New York City house two or three years, retired. John G. Matt, Jr., was married in Huron, February 1, 1876, to Miss Sarah E. Hudson, daughter of B. A. Hudson, already mentioned. She was born in Huron August 24, 1857, was reared and educated and has spent practically all her life in this locality. She occupies her own home on Ohio Street in Huron, and is a faithful and diligent member of the Episcopal Church. She was the mother of two sons, one of them being Albert H. and the other Lester E.

Lester E. Matt was born June 4, 1880, and now lives at Flint, Michigan, where he operates a moving-picture show, a business in which he is exceedingly successful. He has been twice married, and by his first wife has a daughter, Elizabeth, aged ten.

Albert H. Matt was born in Huron November 11, 1876, grew up in his native village, was well educated both in the public schools and also as a student in the Ohio Northern University at Ada, and began his business career as clerk in a store, and he also worked at the dock, and learned the trade or vocation of fireman and hoister. In that, as in every other capacity, he proved himself a skillful and reliable workman, though on reviewing the ten years spent in that way Mr. Matt feels that much of the time was practically wasted, or that at least he was standing still. He dates the beginning of his productive career from 1911, when he assumed active management of the Huron Fish Company.

Mr. Matt was married at Canal Dover, Ohio, June 11, 1902, to Miss Ethel L. Miller, who was born in that town September 6, 1879, and was graduated from the high school there with the class of 1897. Her father, Lemuel W. Miller, born at Canal Dover, Ohio, December 10, 1842, is now living at Canal Dover. For many years he and his father were totally identified with iron-ore industry in Tuscarawas County. Mr. Miller's wife, whose maiden name was Birchfield, was born at Canal Dover April 9, 1848, and died September 1, 1901, and by his second marriage he has a son, Clyde. The children of the first wife still living are Mrs. Matt; Carl J., of Akron, Ohio; and O. S., of Seattle, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt have one child, Lucile E., born July 17, 1903, and now showing marked capacity as a student in the graded schools. Mr. and Mrs. Matt are members of the Episcopal Church, in which he is serving as vestryman. He has taken a prominent interest in the Masonic Order, and has passed a number of degrees in both the York and Scottish rites, being a member of Mark Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Huron, Ohio, and is a man who in all his relations has stood on the firm ground of integrity and personal honor.

Ira Bentley. Now living virtually retired in the village of Birmingham, Florence Township, after many years of close and successful identification with the basic industry of agriculture, Ira Bentley is a sterling and popular representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Erie County and is still the owner of the fine old homestead farm on which his paternal grandfather settled upon coming to this county, about a decade after the close of the War of 1812. On this ancestral homestead, which was obtained by his grandfather directly from the Government, Ira Bentley was born on the 25th of December, 1856, and he is a son of John Bentley, Jr., who was born on the same homestead, on the 4th of June, 1830.

John Bentley, Sr., grandfather of him whose name introduces this article, was born in the State of New York, on the 20th of April, 1782, and in his native commonwealth, in December, 1818, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Anna Parker, whose birth occurred in that state on the 1st of September, 1792. A few years after the close of the War of 1812, in the latter part of the second decade of the nineteenth century, John Bentley, Sr., came with his wife and children, the latter being then three or four in number, from the old Empire State to Erie County, Ohio, and it is a matter of family record that the long overland journey was made with wagons and ox teams. In the virgin forest wilds of what is now Florence Township John Bentley, Sr., entered claim to a tract of land on the present East River Road, so designated by reason of its situation on the east side of the Vermilion River, and this pioneer farm, which was then entirely unimproved and in a section where Indians and wild game were in evidence, is now owned by him to whom this sketch is dedicated, the place being endeared to him by many hallowed memories and associations. The farm comprises 150 acres, and its improvement and development represent the work of three generations of the family, his father having succeeded to the ownership of the property and he himself having come into possession of the homestead as the representative of the third generation. It is now one of the valuable farms of the county, the land being of unimpaired fertility and under a high state of cultivation, and the permanent improvements being of substantial and attractive order, including a good house of nine rooms, now occupied by the tenant who has charge of the farm, and the barn being 30 by 68 feet in dimensions, with wings and wagon sheds attached. The original domicile of the family was a primitive log house of the type common to the pioneer days, and John Bentley, Sr., with the assistance of his sons, gallantly carried forward the work of reclaiming his land, it having been his privilege to aid in the progress of civic and industrial activities in Erie County and to have become a substantial and influential citizen of Florence Township, where he continued to reside on his home farm until his death, which occurred March 29, 1859, his widow surviving him only a few years and being called to the life eternal on the 28th of April, 1862. He was a lifelong supporter of the principles of the democratic party, and his wife held membership in the Christian Church. They became the par-

ents of seven children, of whom brief individual record is given in the appended paragraph:

Phoebe Ann became the wife of James Wood and died without issue, though she and her husband had one adopted child, who likewise is now deceased. Andromeda married Silas Dunham, and both were residents of the State of Michigan at the time of their death. Of their children, only one is now living. Parker continued to be engaged in farming in Florence Township until his death, and further mention of him is made on other pages, in the sketch dedicated to his son, George P. James, the next in order of birth, died in infancy. Margaret became the wife of Dr. Moses Trumbull, and they continued their residence in Ohio until their death, all of their children likewise being now deceased. Anna became the wife of Ebenezer Hopkins, and both died in Florence Township, this county. They were survived by four children, of whom two are still living. John, Jr., the youngest of the seven children, was the father of Ira Bentley, subject of this review.

John Bentley, Jr., was reared to the sturdy discipline of the pioneer farm which was the place of his nativity, was educated in the primitive schools of the locality and period, these having been largely maintained on the subscription plan, and he continued to reside on the old homestead until his death, which occurred on the 26th of April, 1910. After the death of his parents he purchased the interests of the other heirs and thus succeeded to the ownership of the home farm, upon which he made many improvements. For many years he held precedence as one of the progressive, energetic and successful representatives of the agricultural industry in his native county, where his sterling character and worthy achievement gave him secure place in popular confidence and esteem. He was unswerving in his allegiance to the democratic party, but had no desire to enter the arena of practical politics or to become a candidate for political office.

In Florence Township was solemnized the marriage of John Bentley, Jr., to Miss Jane A. Miller, who was born in New York City on the 13th of March, 1832. She was a daughter of John U. and Esther (Krantz) Miller, who came from their native State of New York and numbered themselves among the pioneer settlers in the present Township of Florence, where they passed the remainder of their lives, both passing away after the middle period of life and Mrs. Miller having survived her husband by a few years. They became the parents of nine sons and four daughters, and of the number, five are still living. Mrs. Bentley proved a true helpmeet to her husband and was a loving and devoted wife and mother. She preceded her husband to the life eternal, her death having occurred on the 11th of July, 1904. Of the two children, Ira, of this sketch, was the younger, and the elder child, Ellen, who was born May 30, 1855, died on the 23d of January, 1864.

Ira Bentley acquired his early education in the common schools of Florence Township and was closely associated with the work of the home farm from his early youth until the autumn of 1912, when he retired from the active labors and responsibilities that had long engrossed his attention and removed to the Village of Birmingham, where he has since owned and occupied an attractive residence of eleven rooms, the same occupying a large lot, with a frontage of sixty-six feet on Main Street. Mr. Bentley, as the one surviving child, inherited the old homestead farm, and it is pleasing to record that he still retains possession of the same. He has always taken lively interest in all that concerned the welfare of his native township and county and has been loyal and public-spirited as a citizen. He served two terms as trustee of Florence Township and for a number of years as township assessor, his political

support being given to the democratic party. He was formerly affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees.

In Florence Township, when a young man, Mr. Bentley wedded Miss Olivia Partello, who was born in Gratiot County, Michigan, on the 20th of August, 1860, and who was there reared and educated, her parents, Phineas and Amelia (Whipple) Partello, having been early settlers of that county. Her father was born in the State of New York and her mother in the Province of Ontario, Canada, their marriage having been solemnized in Clinton County, Michigan. They removed to Gratiot County and became early settlers near the present thriving little City of St. Louis, the metropolis of the county, where Mr. Partello reclaimed a farm from the forest and became a prosperous agriculturist and influential citizen. He was born October 7, 1818, and died on the 4th of August, 1895, one of the venerable and honored pioneers of Gratiot County. His wife was born November 28, 1821, and passed to eternal rest on the 26th of September, 1906. Both were members of the Baptist Church and Mr. Partello was a staunch advocate of the cause of the republican party.

Mr. and Mrs. Bentley have three children—Gertrude A., who was born July 27, 1880; John Bentley III, who was born February 27, 1882; and Leona M., who was born December 8, 1901. The daughter was afforded the advantages of the excellent public schools of her native county, and is now the wife of Charles W. Burke, a representative merchant of Bellevue, Huron County, where Mrs. Burke herself conducts a prosperous millinery business. They have one child, Vivian, who was born in 1900. John Bentley III supplemented the discipline of the public schools by an effective course in Oberlin Business College, in which institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1908. He is now secretary of both the S. R. File Company and the Cleveland Salt Company, important industrial concerns in the City of Cleveland. He married Miss Louise Heimsath and they have one daughter, Catherine. Miss Leona M. Bentley remains at the parental home and is a member of the class of 1916 in the Birmingham High School.

Charles A. Blair. During his long residence in Erie County and Florence Township, Charles A. Blair from modest beginnings has drawn around him for the comfort and happiness of his later years such substantial compensations as a fine farm and its improvements, the credit for having contributed to the general development of the community, and the confidence and good will of his fellow-citizens. The homestead which he and his good wife have occupied since their marriage is located along the Vermilion River. As an agriculturist Mr. Blair has deservedly prospered. He represents some of the oldest stock of citizenship found in this part of Ohio, and the people of his relationship have always been among the substantial members of any community where they have lived.

A native of Florence Township, Charles A. Blair was born on his father's farm north of Birmingham, September 8, 1868. His parents were Albert and Eliza J. (Graves) Blair. His father was born in the same township, April 3, 1843, and is now living quietly retired at the age of seventy-two in Vermilion Village. All his active life he spent as a farmer, and his name has always been mentioned with respect in this part of the state. Albert Blair was a son of John and Ann (Beatty) Blair, the former a native of Massachusetts and the latter of New York State. They were married in New York, and after two children had been born they took passage on a vessel at Buffalo, and coming up the lakes, landed at Lorain, Ohio, in the year 1836. John Blair had learned the trade of cooper, and brought with him to Ohio a small equipment of tools and supplies. On reaching Lorain he had only a few cents in

his pocket, and faced a strange community with undaunted courage and had soon made himself a respected worker and citizen. Accompanying John Blair and his wife were the former's parents, Calvin and Frances (Terrell) Blair. After landing at Lorain, John Blair moved into Florence Township, locating a mile and a half north of Birmingham, and there he set up a shop and started to work at his trade as a cooper. He also bought a home, and his parents lived with him until they passed away. For some years John Blair followed his trade and also improved a fine farm of 124 acres, and eventually gave all his attention to its management. He died there May 31, 1895, at the age of eighty-nine, and his wife passed away in 1884 at the age of seventy-five. It is due to the memory of these good people to say that they contributed much to the improvement of their part of the township. They were hard-working and God-fearing people, were closely identified with the local Baptist Church as long as it existed, but after the number of the society declined until a church could no longer be supported, they became attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church. John Blair was first a whig and later a republican, and in his life exemplified many of the best qualities of the pioneer. He had established his home in Florence Township before the Vermilion Road was laid out.

In the home which had been established by his father at that early date Albert A. Blair grew up, and after his marriage took up farming as his occupation. He located on a place near the old home, and in the course of his active career gave many improvements to his farm of sixty-three acres. In 1908 he sold out, and he and his wife have since lived retired in Vermilion. He followed auctioneering for many years. Albert Blair has long been an active republican in his part of the county, has held the office of trustee and assessor of his township, and in every relation has given a good account of himself. During the exciting period of the Civil war he enlisted in the One Hundred and Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in 1862, and served about three years, when he was honorably discharged. His wife, Eliza Graves, is a daughter of Martin L. and Jane (Johnston) Graves, the former a native of New York State and of Massachusetts parents, and the latter of Pennsylvania. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Graves lived in Erie County, New York, where he conducted a woolen factory, and on moving to Erie County, Ohio, bought a farm in Florence Township, where he and his wife spent the rest of their days. He was born in 1812 and died in 1890, and his wife, who was a few years his junior, died in 1887. They were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he served as an official, and politically he was identified with the whig and republican parties. The genealogies of both the Blair and Graves families have been fully traced out and the record of the various generations can be found in published form.

The oldest in a family of three sons and five daughters, all of whom are living except two, and all married except the youngest son, Charles A. Blair grew up on his father's farm in Florence Township, gained his education in the local schools, and has found a contented and useful career in the vocation of agriculture. He was married in Vermilion Township to Miss Emma E. Gegenhimer. She was born in that locality December 16, 1869. Both she and Mr. Blair were students at the same time in the old school at Axtel. Her parents were Phillip and Catherine (Miller) Gegenhimer, both natives of Germany. Her father was born in Baden, came to the United States at the age of nineteen, locating in Lorain County, and his parents followed him to America. Mrs. Gegenhimer was brought to this country when only one year of age, her parents locating in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County, where Mr. and Mrs. Gegenhimer married, and subsequently located on a farm in Berlin

Township of Erie County. Mr. Gegenhimer died in 1898 at the age of sixty, and his widow, who is nine years younger than her husband, is still living on the old homestead of sixty-four acres, which is under the management of her two sons.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Blair located on a good farm of 101 acres along the Vermilion River, in Florence Township. They have brought this under complete cultivation, have added many improvements, and their principal industry has been dairy farming.

The home circle of Mr. and Mrs. Blair comprises three children. Waldo T., born August 20, 1893, was educated in the Birmingham High School and is still at home. Merwyn Hayden, born March 31, 1900, is now attending high school, and Elton Roosevelt, born April 5, 1906, is in the grammar schools. As the name of his youngest child would indicate, Mr. Blair is a republican, and while never seeking office, has proved himself a valuable member of the community. He and his wife attend the Methodist Episcopal Church in Birmingham.

Alfred K. Barnes. A career of steadfast industry has had its usual and merited reward in the case of Alfred K. Barnes, one of the most highly respected and substantial farmer citizens of Florence Township. His home is on Rural Route No. 2 out of Wakeman, and most of his early life was spent in Wakeman Township of Huron County, and part of his farm extends over into that county. He has lived so effectively as to gain prosperity and contentment, and represents some of the sterling English stock which has been so prominent in the development and settlement of this section of Ohio.

Born at Royalton, in Lorain County, February 23, 1855, Alfred K. Barnes is a son of George and Sarah (Heith) Barnes. Both parents were born near London, England, his father in 1820 and his mother in 1827. Both were of families of farmers, and in the early days they participated in the methods of husbandry employed in the old country. The father reaped grain with a sickle, and his wife spent many days in the harvest fields binding up the cut grain. During their married life in England three children were born, William, Charles and Thomas. The last was only a few months old when the family started for America in 1852. They took passage on a sailing vessel at Liverpool, were six weeks in making the voyage to New York City, and after some months they came on West and settled at Royalton, in Lorain County. While living there two more children were born, Elizabeth and Alfred K. About 1857 the father brought his family to Camden, in Lorain County, rented farms in that locality for several years, but later bought 130 acres in Wakeman Township of Huron County. That was the permanent home of the Barnes family, and after a career of well-merited prosperity the father died there in 1893. The mother, who passed away in 1911, was a woman of wonderful physical vigor and is said to have never been sick a day in her life until her final illness. Both were members of the Wakeman Congregational Church, and in politics he was a republican. A brief record of all their children is as follows: William, who is a farmer in Townsend Township of Huron County, is married and has two sons and three daughters; Charles died in Wakeman Township after his marriage, leaving two sons and two dughters; Thomas, who is a resident of Camden Township, in Lorain County, has been twice married, having a son and daughter by his first wife and a daughter by his second; Elizabeth is the widow of C. D. Bacon, who was a farmer in Wakeman Township, and she still lives there and is the mother of two daughters; the next in order of age is Alfred K.; George is a farmer in Wakeman Township, and by his marriage to Miss Braley has two sons and two daughters; Edward, a resident of Townsend Township,

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has four sons and a daughter; Fred, who as a farmer occupies the old homestead in Wakeman Township, is married, but has no children.

It was on the old home in Wakeman Township that Alfred K. Barnes grew to manhood, combining the advantages of the local schools with the salutary discipline of farm duties and responsibilities. He was married in that township to Miss Nettie R. Erswell. She was born in Wakeman Township, and was reared and educated there. Her parents were Thomas and Mary J. Walden Erswell. Her father was also a native of England, coming to the United States when a boy with his parents who spent the rest of their lives in Huron County, and he grew up there and married Miss Walden, who was a native of Huron County. By trade Mr. Erswell was a carpenter and house builder, and after constructing his last house in Wakeman Township died in 1872 when in middle life. His widow is still living in Huron County, and is now seventy years of age.

It was in 1892 that Mr. and Mrs. Barnes moved to Florence Township, and here for the past twenty-three years they have steadily advanced in material prosperity. His homestead comprises forty acres in Florence Township, with forty acres adjoining in Wakeman Township of Huron County. All the land is well improved, and his buildings are especially creditable to his enterprise and ability as a homemaker. He has a large and comfortable eight room house, its white front set in the midst of green trees, and also has a large basement barn 32 by 40 feet and other buildings needed for the care of his stock and crops. Besides the cultivation and productions of his home place Mr. Barnes does an extensive business in the buying and shipping of wool, and also buys and ships large quantities of general stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are both members of the Congregational Church. They have one son, Charles Alfred, who was born May 23, 1874, graduated from the Wakeman High School, and quite early in life entered the employ of the Standard Oil Company, beginning as a ditch laborer, and working up until he is now head operator in the main office at Cleveland. He married Bess E. Balford of Brunswick, Ohio, and their two daughters are named Dorothy and Dora. Both Mr. Barnes and his son are active republicans in politics, and while the father is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees at Cleveland his son is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

Delbert E. Williams. During nearly all the years since Erie County was a pioneer country some member of the Williams family has been actively identified with its development, especially in agricultural lines. As a family they have possessed qualities of exceptional industry, rugged integrity, and that enterprise which produces good farms and good homes as well as good people.

On the third generation that has lived in Erie County, Delbert E. Williams has made his success as a general farmer and stock raiser. He is known in that capacity all over Milan Township, where he occupies a fine farm of 260 acres, and operates ninety-seven acres in addition to the homestead. None of this land is further than a mile and a half northeast of Milan Village, and is located on the Huron Road. Mr. Williams owns what has long been known as the Michael Schafer Farm, and has cultivated its generous and fertile acres for the past fourteen years. Among improvements should be mentioned two large barns, a corn crib 30x50 feet, a combined tool shop and ice house, and everything about the farm indicates thrifty and efficient management. Mr. Williams pursues a rotation plan of crop growing, and raises all the staple grains, but for several years has specialized in sweet corn. He

also raises large amounts of potatoes, usually about twenty acres each year.

His home has been in Erie County all his life. A short distance east of his present residence in Milan Township he was born on November 13, 1867, and grew up and received his education in this locality, being a graduate of the Milan Normal School. One experience of his earlier years was teaching six terms in Erie County. Later he settled down to his real career as a farmer, and his success in that vocation can be judged by the high opinion his neighbors have of him and by such brief statistics as have already been reported.

The Williams family came from Pennsylvania. His grandfather, John Williams, was born in that state, but quite early in life came to Ohio and married Mary Pittenger of Richland County. Several children were born to them while they lived in Richland County, and from there in October, 1843, they moved to Erie County, locating on a farm on the Berlin Road in Milan Township. That farm even to this day is known as the John Williams Place, though for several years he has lived retired in Milan Village. His farm comprised 125 acres. He has reached the remarkable age of almost a century, and on November 4, 1915, if he is spared, will celebrate his ninety-ninth birthday. He is well known all over the township not only on account of his venerable years, but for the worthy influence which he has exercised in this locality continuously for more than seven decades. His wife died at their country home in Milan Township in 1896, and was then quite old. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and John Williams is a strong republican, having cast his first presidential vote for the whig president, William Henry Harrison. In earlier years he was honored with such offices as township trustee and other places of trust.

Peter Williams, father of Delbert E., was born in Richland County, Ohio, a short time before the family moved to Erie County. As a boy he attended local schools and the old Huron Institute at Milan, and early adapted the vocation of farming. For a number of years he lived just east of the Hardin A. Tucker farm in Milan Township, and effected numerous improvements to that estate, but later bought the farm of his wife's father, the Michael Schafer place, which is now owned by Delbert E. Williams. Peter Williams finally retired to Milan Village and died there in May, 1904. He is deserving of remembrance as a man of sterling worth, of good judgment in business affairs, and a citizen who stood for the best things in the community. He was a strong republican, and served for some time as trustee of the township.

Peter Williams married at the home of the bride, Sarah A. Schafer, the daughter of Michael Schafer. Mrs. Williams was born September 3, 1855, in Seneca County, New York, and died at Milan August 1, 1893. She was quite young when brought to Erie County, and was carefully reared and trained by her parents. After her marriage she proved a devoted wife and mother and reared five children who did her honor and all of whom married and became heads of families.

The second in the family of children, Delbert E. Williams, has for many years been an effective worker among the farming class of Milan Township. He first married Amelia Heimberger. She was born at Cedar Point May 16, 1868, and died at the home in Milan Township, August 13, 1904. Of this union the oldest child is Peter H., who was born December 16, 1891, was educated at Milan, and is now assisting his father in the management of the farm. G. Fred, the next in age, was born January 4, 1893, studied in the Milan High School, and is still living at home. Sarah L., born August 28, 1894, finished her

education in Milan and in Collingwood, Ohio, took a course in the Sandusky Business College and is now a stenographer at Unionville, Ohio. Morley, the youngest, was born March 16, 1896, and has completed his education in the local schools and is still at home. All these young people were carefully trained and possess habits and talents which will take them far in their respective spheres of activity.

After the death of his first wife Mr. Williams was married in Milan Township to Miss Elizabeth Weilnau. She was born in Oxford Township, November 18, 1876, and is the daughter of John Weilnau. More extended reference is made to the Weilnau family on other pages of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have two daughters: Dorothy M., born August 4, 1906, and now in the fourth grade of the public schools; and Mary E., born October 22, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Williams attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a republican, and he served one term as township trustee.

Peter Robertson. One of the sources of industrial prosperity in Florence Township are the stone quarries operated by The Cleveland Stone Company. The presiding genius of this industry is Peter Robertson, who for twenty-three years has been superintendent, and not only has an assured business position but is also a citizen of many esteemed characteristics and is the head of one of the excellent families in that locality.

The stone quarries now under the superintendency of Mr. Robertson constitute an old industry in this township. They were originally opened on the east side of the Vermilion River in 1877 by the firm of Nichols & Miller, who conducted them until 1887. In that year The Cleveland Stone Company was organized and bought this property, but it was left unworked until 1892. In that year the company turned them over to Superintendent Robertson, who reopened the quarries and worked them out. In 1902 the company acquired a large tract of land on the west side of the river, and Mr. Robertson began the development of these quarries in August, 1903. He has since made this a large and profitable industry, and keeps from sixteen to twenty men employed in the quarries, with an annual production of about 20,000 cubic feet of stone. With the exception of brief intervals these quarries have been in regular operation for many years. The quarries are located on the property known as the old Dr. Turnbull estate, and comprises about fifty acres of land. Mr. Robertson bought the old quarry property of fifty-one acres, known as the Wood Farm.

Mr. Robertson came to Florence Township from North Amherst, Ohio, where he had been connected with The Cleveland Stone Company's business as a quarryman one year, and as derrick boss for three years. He is a quarryman of many years' experience, and his work at Amherst had so commended him to the confidence of the company, that he was given full charge of the quarries in Florence Township when made superintendent. He comes of a family which has furnished many workers in the stone industry, and was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, April 3, 1858. He was reared and educated there, learned the trade of quarryman, and was already an expert workman when he came to America.

His grandfather, James Robertson, was born in 1794, and married Jeannette Smith, who was born in 1799. They spent all their lives about Edinburgh, where the grandfather died in 1849 and the grandmother in 1874. They were strict members of the Presbyterian Church, and that has been the family religion through all the generations. Among their children was Peter Robertson, Sr., who was born March 25, 1828, and died September 13, 1899. For forty-nine years he was

employed in a carpet factory in Edinburgh, was promoted to different grades of the service, and was finally pensioned and allowed to spend his last years in retirement. He married Grace Christie, who was born in the same part of Scotland July 12, 1828, and died October 29, 1907. Both were reared and all their lives were faithful to the strict tenets of the Presbyterian Church. In their family of eleven children Peter was the fifth in order of birth. Most of them grew up, married and had families of their own. Only two of the children came to the United States, one of them being Peter Robertson, and the other his sister, Grace, the wife of John McQueen, and they live at Pittsburg, Kansas, and have quite a large family of children.

Peter Robertson grew up at Edinburgh, learned his trade as a quarryman there, was married in that country in 1878 to Miss Elizabeth Armstrong. She was born near Edinburgh, May 7, 1859, and attended the same school as her husband. Her parents were Thomas and Agnes (McKenzie) Armstrong, both natives of Scotland. Her father died at the age of seventy-eight and her mother at fifty-five. They were also of the Presbyterian faith. Mrs. Robertson is the only one of their eight children who came to America.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson had twelve children born into their home, and a brief record of them is as follows: Agnes, born June 23, 1879, is the wife of George Bruce, who occupies the Robertson farm on the east side of Vermilion River, and their children are named Peter, Robert, Mary, Grace, Stanley, Glenn and Hugh James, five of whom are attending school. Peter, who was the third in as many successive generations to bear that name, was born August 25, 1880, and died November 5, 1880. Christie Grace, born November 19, 1881, married Charles Barton, an electrician living at Elyria, and they have a son, Lloyd, now in school. Thomas was born March 8, 1884, and died December 22, 1884. Jane, born June 26, 1886, died December 10, 1887. John Armstrong, born November 9, 1888, lives at Oberlin, and by his marriage to Winifred Jenkins has a daughter, Vivian E. Elizabeth Margaret, born August 31, 1890, married Archie McDowell, who is a farmer in Henrietta Township of Lorain County, and they have two children, Clifton and Clyde. James George, born November 1, 1892, is his father's active assistant in farming. Hugh Brown, born April 16, 1895, has learned the trade of carpenter and is still living at home. Duncan William, born February 25, 1898, is now a student in the high school at Birmingham. Donald L., born July 24, 1902, is now in the seventh grade of the public schools. Ronald A., a twin brother of Donald, died December 28, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and family are all working members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a democrat. He took his first three degrees in Masonry in Scotland, in Roslyn St. Clair Lodge No. 606, and later demitted to Stonington Lodge No. 503 at North Amherst, and is also affiliated with Wakeman Chapter No. 177, R. A. M. In 1890 he became a member of Phoenix Tent No. 42 of the Knights of the Maccabees, and is now a member of Wakeman Tent No. 93.

Werner Schafer. A successful general farmer on the Butler Road in Florence Township, Mr. Schafer has spent the greater part of his life in Erie County, and during his active career has been instrumental in improving a farm, has brought into his community the influence of good, rugged character and moral attributes, and is one of the highly esteemed men of this rural community.

The Schafer homestead of seventy-one acres is located on the east branch of Vermilion River. Nearly all of its acres are thoroughly improved, and Mr. Schafer takes justifiable pride in the fine crops

which grow up under his hands season after season, and also in the excellent stock, horses, cattle, hogs and sheep, which feed on his pastures and are housed in his substantial barn. His home is a large nine-room house, with a barn nearly new and built on a foundation 34 by 60 feet. He also has an orchard of an acre planted quite recently. All these improvements are the result of Mr. Schafer's thrift and industry and he has many reasons to furnish him satisfaction while looking back over his career.

Werner Schafer was born in Corhessen, Germany, October 28, 1852. His parents were Johannes and Margaret (Stripple) Schafer, who were natives of the same province, the families having lived there as farmers for a number of generations. Both parents died when past seventy, and were lifelong members of the German Reformed Church.

Growing up and receiving his education in his native province, at the age of fourteen Werner Schafer started out to make a home in the New World. In 1867 in company with his uncle Werner Stripple, he set out from Bremen on a sailing vessel, the Emerald, and after twenty-one days landed in New York City. From there he went West to Buffalo, and lived with his uncle's family until his uncle and aunt died. After three years there, he came to the home of another uncle, George Schafer, in Florence Township of Erie County. By these early experiences he gained a practical knowledge of farming, acquainted himself with American language and customs, and has always relied upon industry and merit to advance him in the world.

At Birmingham, Mr. Schafer married Miss Christina A. Heidrych. She was born in Henrietta Township of Lorain County June 14, 1860, and grew up and lived there until her marriage. Her parents were Henry and Christina (Dieck) Heidrych, both natives of Corhessen, Germany, where they lived until after their marriage and came with some five or six children from Bremen to New York City, the voyage requiring four weeks by sailing vessel, and established their first home in Lorain County. While living there a daughter was born, and they then moved to Henrietta Township in the same county, where Mr. Heidrych bought forty acres, subsequently selling and purchasing seventy-one acres upon which he built a new home and otherwise improved the land and spent his career as a useful and prosperous citizen. He died July 12, 1901, at the age of eighty, while his wife passed away in 1895 aged seventy-nine. Both were members of the German Reformed Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Schafer have had four children. Henry C., born in 1881, was educated in the public schools, is now a farmer in Lorain County, and by his marriage to Edith Freeman has two children, Eleanor and Clifford. Mary A. is the wife of Jacob Swanger, a farmer in Florence Township, and they have a son named Werner. Sylvester lives at home and assists his father in the farm work. One daughter, Adam, died at the age of one year. Mr. and Mrs. Schafer are members of the German Reformed Church, having been reared in that faith, and politically he is a democratic voter.

George A. Parker. One of the surest means by which one can establish a reputation for integrity and good citizenship is to maintain a long residence in one community, where an individual becomes known to his neighbors under a great variety of circumstances and meets all the tests imposed upon reliability and efficiency. A citizen of Florence Township who has met these requisites during his career is George A. Parker. The Parker family is one of the oldest in Erie County, Mr. Parker's grandparents having located here more than a

century ago. Through all the changing circumstances of pioneer times the name has been one of significance and honor.

The farm now owned and occupied by Mr. George A. Parker, on the Butler Road in Florence Township, was his birthplace on November 8, 1863. It was also the farm on which his parents, George and Maria (Hill) Parker began their simple housekeeping after their marriage. Both his parents were also natives of Florence Township and they spent their lives in peaceful and dignified circumstances, and his father died in 1900 at the age of seventy-five, and his mother passed away in 1913 when seventy-six years old. Both the Hill and Parker families were established in Northern Ohio about the time of the War of 1812. They came from Connecticut. Arriving in their wilderness home, they had to clear spaces in the midst of the heavy forest before erecting their log cabin homes, and the long continued labors of Mr. Parker's grandfather in the course of time brought about the reclamation of many acres now included in the agricultural area of Erie County.

George A. Parker was one of a family of two sons and five daughters. Others now living are Lester and Ida and Goldie. Ida is the wife of Pearl Fish, a farmer in Huron County, and they have a daughter Fern, who is now married. Goldie married Adam Burk of Wakeman Township, and they have a family of three sons and two daughters. Lester, the oldest son, married Edna Squires, and they live in Wakeman Township of Huron County, their children being named Rita and Kilton.

In Florence Township George A. Parker grew to manhood, gained such education as was supplied to the farmer boys of his time and generation, and early in his career adopted the vocation of agriculture. For about fourteen years he was a progressive farmer in Huron County, but then bought the old homestead comprising 118 acres. This is a splendid property, located in the fork of the east and west branches of the Vermilion River, and the fertility of the soil is almost unsurpassed by that of any farm in Erie County. The Parker family has introduced many improvements upon this land since it first came under their ownership, and Mr. Parker has done his part in keeping his farm abreast of the times and standards. He grows good stock, has an equipment of substantial barns, a comfortable home, and raises all the staple crops.

In Florence Township he married Miss Rosa Bradway. Mrs. Parker was born in this township forty-five years ago, grew up and received her education here, and is a daughter of Warren and Mary (Crawford) Bradway, both of whom are still living and reside in Florence Township at the age of about seventy. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have one living child, Clyde, who was born in 1904 and is now a promising schoolboy. Three other children born to them died in early childhood. In politics Mr. Parker is a democrat and has always been known as a man of progressive citizenship willing to lend his support to any movement for local benefit.

Captain Dennis Blanchard. Erie County has an appreciable contingent of retired lake captains and prominent among the number who have devoted many years to commanding vessels in connection with navigation activities on the great inland seas and who are now living in well earned retirement, is he whose name introduces this paragraph and who is one of the honored and popular citizens of the Village of Birmingham, in Florence Township.

Captain Blanchard was born in the immediate vicinity of New York City, on the 26th of February, 1831, and in the gracious twilight of a long and useful life he looks back with satisfaction to the conditions and influences that compassed him in his childhood and early youth

and that gave him association with the incidents of the pioneer days in the history of Erie County, Ohio, to which section of the Buckeye State he was brought by his parents when he was a child of three years, his father having become one of the early settlers in Florence Township. Here the captain was reared to adult age and here his early educational advantages were those afforded in the pioneer schools. He is a son of William and Sallie (Lawrence) Blanchard, both of whom were born in Connecticut, as representatives of sterling old colonial families in New England. In the year 1833 the parents of the captain came from New York and established their home on a tract of land in Florence Township, Erie County, Ohio, where the father reclaimed a productive farm from the virtual wilderness and where he and his wife continued to reside until they attained to advanced age, the closing years of their lives having been passed in the home of one of their daughters, Mrs. Harriet Garrish, at Oberlin, Lorain County, where each died at the age of somewhat more than three score years and ten. Mrs. Blanchard was a devout member of the Congregational Church and her husband was reared in the faith of the Baptist Church, but he withdrew from the same in later years and attended that with which his wife was affiliated. William Blanchard was originally a whig and later a republican in politics and he was a man of strong mentality and sterling character, his name and that of his wife meriting an enduring place on the roster of the honored pioneers of Erie County. Of their children the captain is one of the three now living. His sister, Abigail, who died September 6, 1915, was a resident of the City of Norwalk, Huron County, and the widow of Capt. Isaac Walton, who was long identified with the lake-marine service. Charles Blanchard, another son, entered the Union service at the outbreak of the Civil war, and became captain of a company in an Ohio battery of light artillery. He developed tuberculosis while in the army and this disability compelled him to withdraw from the ranks. After receiving his honorable discharge he returned home, and his death occurred a short time later. Captain Blanchard celebrated in the spring of 1915 his eighty-fourth birthday anniversary; his elder sister, Mrs. Walton, is more than ninety years of age in the same year, and she has one daughter, her husband having had one daughter also by a preceding marriage. Mrs. Lavinia Wickwire, the younger sister of Captain Blanchard, is the wife of Sebert Wickwire, and they reside in the Village of Clyde, Sandusky County, she having passed the seventieth milestone on the journey of life and her husband being ninety years of age.

On the old homestead farm, in the township that is now his place of residence, Captain Blanchard remained until he had attained to the age of sixteen years, when he initiated his career as a sailor on the Great Lakes by obtaining employment on the schooner Margaret Allen, which was in commission on Lake Erie. By efficient work he raised himself through the various grades of promotion, and after having served in turn as second and first mate on different vessels he was given his first command as master when he became captain of the Herbert Spencer, a vessel named in honor of a leading banker at Sackett's Harbor, New York. This boat was in the lumber transportation trade, and Captain Blanchard retained command for several years, after which he was associated with the Bidler line of vessels, of Chicago. Thereafter he commanded the Oden, likewise in the lumber trade, and later he assumed command of the Helen Blood, operated by the Mason & Davis Lumber Company, of Muskegon, Michigan. After continuing in this company's employ about three years he commanded for several years a larger vessel, the schooner Artic, plying between Muskegon and Chicago. Still later he commanded the Robert

Campbell and other vessels, and after continuing his active and efficient service as one of the representative navigators on the Great Lakes for a period of about half a century, the captain felt justified in retiring from the interesting vocation which he had long followed and which he had honored by his services. He was not, however, content to withdraw from the sight of and association with the inland seas, for he purchased Hen Island, in Lake Erie, and instituted on this tract of six acres the development of a vineyard and orchard. He finally sold the property to the Quinnebaque Club, of Sandusky, which organization erected a fine club house on the island and made the place a fine resort. Captain Blanchard sold the island property about twenty years ago and since that time he has lived in well ordered and pleasing retirement in the Village of Birmingham, where he is surrounded by friends that are tried and true and where he is honored not only for his own sturdy and upright character but also as a member of one of the well known pioneer families of this favored section of the old Buckeye State. Though he has never manifested any ambition for political office the captain has shown a loyal interest in community and governmental affairs and is a stalwart in the camp of the republican party.

In 1859 Captain Blanchard wedded Miss Mary Haise, who was born and reared in Ohio and who was a member of a prominent family of this section of the state, as may be understood by reference to sketches concerning other representatives of the family, elsewhere in this publication. Mrs. Blanchard died at the family home in Birmingham, on the 2d of October, 1869, and here her remains were laid to rest beside those of her parents, Edwin and Ann (Klady) Haise, who were residents of Florence Township for many years prior to their death. There were no children by Captain Blanchard's first marriage. At Birmingham was solemnized, in 1894, the marriage of Captain Blanchard to Mrs. Florence Moore, who was born in this county in the year 1852 and who is a daughter of Isaac and Sylvia (Arnold) Moore, early settlers of Florence Township, where they continued to reside until their death. Captain and Mrs. Blanchard have no children, but they delight to entertain in their pleasant home their many young friends, as well as those of maturer years.

William Parker. Much that is worthy and estimable in human life has been the lot of William Parker, of Florence Township. He is an honored old time citizen, has performed his obligations faithfully to country, home and community, and is one of the oldest native sons of Florence Township, having lived there continuously for a period of nearly eighty-five years. Another distinctive fact about his career is that he was born on the farm where he now resides with his two sons. It will soon be a century since the Parker family came into the wilderness of Northern Ohio and established a home in Erie County, and they were among the first to break down the barriers of the wilderness and to set up the institutions of civilization. Of an old New York State family, William Parker was born on the farm that is now his home January 7, 1831. Only a few years before his birth his father, William W., had settled in this township. William W. Parker was born in New York State, and was a son of Ansel Parker, who in early manhood enlisted from Connecticut for service in the Revolutionary armies and made a record of which his descendants will always be proud. Ansel Parker was married in New York State to Phoebe Finch, and they subsequently came to Erie County and died in Florence Township when old people. Ansel Parker was a democratic voter, and that brand of politics has largely characterized the family for more than a century.

William W. Parker moved to Erie County, in 1823. He secured a tract of land in the Township of Florence between the east and west forks of Vermilion River, built a log cabin, but being a young man and with little ready money, and there being no opportunities to get profitable employment in this vicinity, he soon returned to New York State and earned some money which enabled him to carry out his improvements on his farm in Erie County. Soon after coming back to Erie County he married Sarah Parker, who though of the same name was not related, unless very distantly. She was born in Orange County, Vermont, a daughter of Levi Parker. Levi Parker also served in the Revolutionary war, and in addition to his own record he had a son Isaac who went through the War of 1812 as a commissioned officer. Levi Parker married Miss Davis, who after the death of her husband went East, but finally returned to Ohio and spent her last years in the home of William Parker, where she died about 1864. She was born in 1766 and was therefore about ninety-eight years of age at the time of her death. After their marriage William W. Parker and wife located on their new farm in Florence Township, and there his sturdy toil and persistent effort finally evolved a fine farm and a comfortable home from the wilderness. However, his first farm was lost through some technicality, but without allowing this circumstance to discourage him he bought another place not far to the north of the first farm, and became one of the most prosperous citizens in that vicinity. William W. Parker was born in 1802 and died in 1880. His wife, who was born in 1802, within one day of her husband's birthday, died May 17, 1889. These good people did much to build up their community outside of their own home. They were early members and assisted in organizing the Christian Church. He was a strong and active democrat, and as a citizen could be counted upon to assist in any movement for the local welfare.

It was with the background of such substantial ancestry and with the home environment of one of the best families of pioneers in Erie County that William Parker grew to manhood. Though now eighty-five he is still a smart and active man, and his career has in every way been most creditable to himself and to his community.

On January 6, 1860, Mr. Parker was married in Michigan to Miss Susan Ann Stark. She was born at Rushville, Yates County, New York, May 3, 1840, when a child came with her mother to Ohio, where the latter died, and in young womanhood moved to Michigan, where she lived until her marriage. She died in the old Parker homestead of Florence Township February 4, 1899.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker had two sons, both of whom are now living with their father, and both are unmarried. Smith D., the older, born December 10, 1860, acquired his early education in the local schools and in the Wakeman High School, and is now a progressive agriculturist assisting his father in the management of the large Parker estate. Mr. William Parker owns about 200 acres of fine farming land in the eastern part of Florence Township. This land is divided into three distinct farms. The homestead comprises sixty-eight acres, and its improvements include a substantial nine-room house, a barn 26 by 30 feet, and the land is all well fitted for general farming purposes. Besides the buildings around the home there is an extra set of farm buildings, including a large silo. The second farm comprises seventy-five acres, and is situated in Wakeman Township of Huron County. The second son, Jay C. Parker, is proprietor of the third farm of fifty-five acres located in Florence Township and adjoining the old homestead. This is a portion of the old John Denman estate, and for fully a century the land has been occupied and much of it cultivated and improved.

Jay C. Parker was born on the old homestead April 11, 1868, grew up there, and part of his education was received under the instruction of the venerable educator, Job Fish. He obtained a certificate permitting him to teach school, but never took up that profession. He and his brother, Smith, and their father occupy the old home which was built about seventy-five years ago, and the three have many of their interests in common both socially and in business affairs. The father and sons are all democrats in politics, and Mr. William Parker served some years as trustee of his township, and Jay C. filled the same office for four years. Mr. William Parker has been a member of the Masonic Lodge since 1860. His father, William W. Parker, was the first man to take his early degrees in Masonry in the old lodge, Gibson Lodge at Birmingham, and William Parker took his degrees in the same fraternity two years later.

Charles Parker. Among the old families of Erie County the Parkers have quite a prominent place from the time when this county was a wilderness. They have been farmers as a rule, and for upwards of a century their lives have been led along the paths of quiet industry and prosperity, and as men of the soil and good citizens they have done their full share for the enrichment of community life.

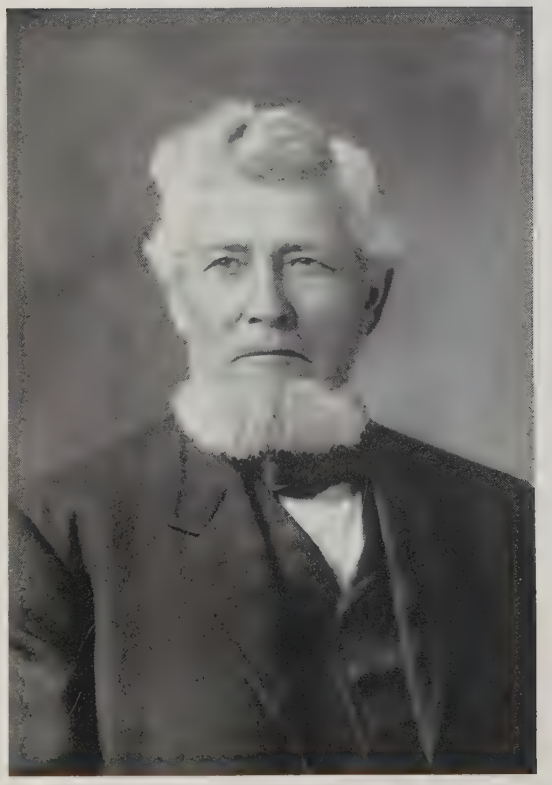
Representing the third generation of this name in Erie County, Charles Parker by his career has re-enforced the general reputation of the family name. He is a general farmer, stock raiser and fruit grower, his home being located on the River Road in Florence Township. This farm is one of the historic old places of Florence Township, having been originally the Denman place, and Mr. Parker bought the land from the Denman heirs. The Denmans located there fully a century ago, and it was the homestead about which a great many people of that name have some of their life associations. Mr. Parker is the owner of 100 acres, nearly all of it well improved, and growing abundant crops of all kinds, excellent both in quality and quantity. As a stock man Mr. Parker takes much pains in developing and maintaining a high grade of horses, cattle and sheep, and has shown proficiency in all branches of agriculture and stock husbandry. Much of his land is underlaid with a sand stone base, making it adaptable to fruit growing. Mr. Parker is also a practical fruit man, and has three acres of fine peach orchard.

His birthplace was close to the home where he now lives in Florence Township. He was born April 25, 1865, grew up in Florence Township, attended its schools during the '70s and early '80s, and like many others pays a tribute to the splendid old educator, Job Fish, under whose instruction he graduated into a life of purposeful activity. It was in 1899 that Mr. Parker bought the old Denman farm and has since carried forward its improvements and cultivation with a most profitable degree of skill and excellence of management.

The parents of Mr. Parker were Alexander and Mary (Small) Parker. His father was also born in Florence Township on the old Parker farm, located between the east and west branches of the Vermilion River. He was born in 1823 and spent all his life on the old homestead, where he quietly pursued his vocation as a farmer until his death in 1894 at the age of seventy-one. He owned eighty-six acres of land, and had improved most of it by his own labors. His widow is still living there at the age of eighty-one, spending her last days in peace and comfort on a small homestead of twenty-four acres, comprising a part of the original estate.

The originator of the Parker family in Erie County was Ormal Parker, grandfather of Charles Parker. He was born in New York

MRS. ANN BARBARA OETZEL



JUSTUS P. OETZEL

State, was married there to Hannah Bass, a native of the same state, and immediately after their marriage they started for the West, to make a new home in the pioneer wilderness of Northern Ohio. They made the journey with ox teams, and on arriving after a long and tedious journey in Florence Township, located on a tract of the wildest of wild woods. For several years they lived in the midst of a forest which had been unbroken for centuries, and most of the meat which supplied their table was the flesh of wild game, which abounded everywhere. The Indians also still lived in that section and were not infrequent visitors at their humble log cabin. The nearest market and mill were at Milan, and theirs was a life of simple rugged industry not unmixed with hardships and privations. Grandfather Parker was a hard worker, cleared off and improved many acres of his land, and substituted a substantial frame house for the original log cabin, and having surrounded himself with reasonable comforts spent the rest of his days, passing away when quite an old man. He was a democrat, and as a citizen measured up to the best standards of pioneers.

Charles Parker was the third of the nine children born to his parents, five of whom are still living, all of them in Florence Township, and all have children of their own. Charles Parker was married in Florence Township to Catherine Hayman. She was born at Joppa in Vermilion Township March 2, 1865, and grew up and received her education in this county. Her parents were Henry and Martha (Krepps) Hayman, who were born in Germany and were quite young when brought to the United States by their respective parents, both families locating in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Krepps grew up and were married in Erie County, then moved to the State of Kentucky but soon returned to Vermilion Township and located at Birmingham, where he died in 1894 when past three score. His widow is still living at Clyde in Sandusky County, and is now bearing the burden of eighty-one years, although her physical activity and mental alertness heavily discount her real age. She and her husband were reared in the faith of the Reformed Church.

Mrs. Parker was one of a large family of children, all of whom married and had families of their own. Mrs. Parker passed away June 3, 1915. She had been a devoted wife and mother, and everywhere enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who knew her. To mourn her loss she left her husband and two children. Martha, born May 28, 1886, received her education in Erie County and is still living at home. Clarence E., born July 10, 1903, is now attending the seventh grade of the public schools.

Justus P. Oetzel. In a lifetime that has been prolonged to usefulness and honor for more than fourscore years, Justus P. Oetzel has spent more than sixty years of this in Erie County. He is one of the citizens whose name and a brief record of whose career should be permanently recorded in any history of the community. He is more than typical of the indomitable spirit and energy of the German fatherland, where he was born and reared. Hard work was the means by which he opened the door of prosperity, and from the position of a common laborer he has raised himself to a place among the largest property holders of Milan Township, where the respect and esteem paid him as a citizen and man are fully equal to his business achievements.

Born in Hesse Casell, Germany, October 24, 1833, Justus P. Oetzel is a son of George and Magdalena (Oetzel) Oetzel. His parents were only distantly related if at all and were born in the same general locality of Germany. They were born before the close of the eighteenth century, grew up and married, and his father was a farmer in Germany until

his death. He died in the old country after his son Justus had come to America in 1853, while the mother passed away in 1855. They were both members of the German Reformed Church. George Oetzel was old enough to participate as a soldier in some of the latter campaigns of the Napoleonic wars in Europe, but escaped unhurt. In their family were two sons and three daughters, all of whom grew up and married, reared families, but Justus was the only one to leave the fatherland and seek a home in America.

He was nineteen years old when, having completed his education and early training, and in order to escape the compulsory military service, he embarked on a vessel at Bremen and started for America. The vessel, named America, was exactly eight weeks in making the voyage. He landed at what was later Castle Garden, August 15, 1853. Five days later he arrived at Sandusky. At that time he was one dollar in debt, having borrowed this amount from a casual acquaintance at Dunkirk, New York, in order to get something to eat, as he was nearly starved. On arriving at Sandusky he immediately sought and found employment in carrying brick for the construction of a new church building. At night as soon as he received his day's wages of one dollar, he redeemed his debt to the young man who had proved a friend in need. This scrupulous respect for his obligations, thus evidenced, has been a dominating characteristic of Mr. Oetzel throughout his career and he has made it a point of honor as well as business policy to discharge every just indebtedness.

From Sandusky he soon went out into the country and found a home on a farm along the lake shore. In 1854 he began working for Harvey Curtis, and in the fall of the same year came to Milan. The greater part of his career since then has been spent in Milan Township. For eight years he was employed in a foundry. While learning the trade of molder his wages were $10 a month for the first year and $12 the second year. From 1861 to 1865 Mr. Oetzel was engaged in merchandising at Milan, having bought a grocery store, but after four years sold out and purchased a small tract of land of fifty-five acres in Oxford Township. Here he laid the basis of his sound accomplishments as a farmer. He improved the land, erected a good house, barns and fences, and remained there in the midst of his agricultural activities and responsibilities from 1866 to 1883. In the latter year coming to Milan Township, he bought 173 acres on the east side of the Huron River, 2½ miles north of Milan. This has been his home for more than thirty years. It would take much space to describe in detail all his activities as an agriculturist and as an improver of his holdings in this locality. He erected two sets of farm buildings, and now has a handsome and valuable property. Many years of steady industry have merited reward, and having gained an ample competence sufficient for all his future needs, Mr. Oetzel turned over his property to the management of his son Justus, Jr. In the high tide of his work as a farmer Mr. Oetzel grew as high as 4,000 bushels of potatoes in a season, his fields produced 40 bushels of wheat, and his corn yield was not infrequently as high as 120 bushels per acre. This indicates the judgment and intelligence with which he looked after his farm.

At the Village of Milan Mr. Oetzel married Ann Barbara Bauereis. She was born in Rhenish Bavaria, March 21, 1836. She was seventeen years of age when in 1853 she came to the United States on a sailing vessel. She was accompanied by her younger sister Elizabeth, and they both joined their brother Frederick, who had previously located at Milan. This brother afterward died in a soldiers' home in Springfield, Illinois. Her sister Elizabeth is now living in Chicago. A

brother, Thomas, who was the last of the family to come to America, died one year later.

Ever since their marriage on December 25, 1857, Mr. and Mrs. Oetzel were active members of the German Lutheran Church at Norwalk,Ohio. Mrs. Oetzel died July 16, 1907. While his accomplishments have been such as to justify a reasonable degree of pride and a pleasing retrospect over the many useful years in the past, Mr. Oetzel probably finds his best solace in the fine family which have grown up around him and several of whom have already found worthy places in the world. The first daughter, Mary, died when four years of age. The next child is Justus, who now owns 100 acres of the old homestead. He married Clara M. Bollman, who was born in the Province of Posen in Eastern Germany, and when a child came to America with her parents, who lived in Illinois and Nebraska until their death in the latter state, and she grew to womanhood in those localities. Justus Oetzel and wife have the following children: Cecilia and Amelia (twins), who graduated from the public schools in 1914 and are at home; Elizabeth, who is a member of the graduating class of 1916, William, of the class of 1917, Caroline, of the class of 1918, and Fred in the seventh grade of the public schools. The third child, Emma, is the wife of John Schwitters, a merchant at Prophetstown, Illinois, and their children are named Carrie, Carl, Amelia, Hattie and Henry, twins, Freda and Theodore. Carrie, the fourth in this interesting family, is the wife of John Schamp, a farmer in Milan Township, and their two children are named Anna and Maria. The son Henry is unmarried. Thomas is an employee in the Hoover Manufacturing Company at Milan, and has children named Justus, Barbara, Violet and John. Catherine is the wife of Miles Lander, to whom reference is made on other pages of this work. George and Joseph, the youngest, are twins, and they married sisters, Iva and Mary Roscoe, respectively. George and wife have children named Roscoe, Alice M. and Ransom. Joseph and wife have no children. Mr. Oetzel is a democrat in politics.

Charles King Clary. The important part played by the Clary family in Erie County, and particularly in Florence Township, during fully a century of residence, has been set forth at some length on other pages, in connection with the sketch of Mark E. Clary, a cousin of Charles King Clary. While the latter is now permanently settled in the quiet routine and profitable management of a fine farm in Florence Township, his earlier career was fraught with much excitement and adventure, and for three years he was a soldier in the regular United States army, part of his service having been coincident with the Spanish-American war, and he incurred all the dangers of battle, disease and inefficient management which characterized the operations of the American forces in the Islands of Cuba and Porto Rico.

As a farmer Mr. Clary owns one of the happily situated and excellent homesteads found in Florence Township on the East River Road. The 105½ acres in his farm are on the west bank of the east fork of the Vermilion River. Eighty acres of this is under improvement of cultivation and since taking possession of his farm in 1907 Mr. Clary has shown all the qualities which have made the name noted among Erie County agriculturists for generations. He grows large crops of corn, wheat, oats and potatoes, and has a small orchard of eighty apple trees, now in bearing condition. His farm equipment is well arranged and represents a considerable investment, including a number of farm buildings, and a substantial eight-room house.

Charles King Clary was born at Birmingham in Erie County, January 21, 1876. He is the grandson of the late George W. Clary, who in his time was one of the most prominent and best known citizens

of Erie County, and who died January 15, 1899. His parents were George C. and Ella (King) Clary. Charles K. Clary was only three years of age when his father died in 1879, and his mother subsequently married Newton Andress, who is also deceased, and is still living in Erie County. References are made to both the Andress and Clary sketches on other pages.

Charles K. Clary while growing to manhood gained the equivalent of a liberal education, attended the local schools, the schools at Oberlin, and taking a business course in the Northern Ohio University at Ada. About the time he reached his majority he enlisted in the regular army as a private, and remained in the service for the full term of three years. Until he was called into active fighting during the Cuban war, his location was chiefly at Fort Snelling in Minnesota, where he was a member of Company E of the Third United States Infantry under Colonel Page. His company was sent to Cuba at the beginning of the war, and was also engaged in the brief Porto Rico campaign. He was in nearly all the important engagements on those two islands, serving in the armies of Generals Shafter and Miles. When his regiment went South it had the full complement of 1,000 men, but less than 300 returned alive. The heavy losses were largely attributable to the fever and to starvation. Though only a private in the ranks, Mr. Clary gave a good account of himself as a soldier, was ready to accept all the hazards and tasks either on the firing line or in other duties to which he was assigned, and largely by virtue of his physical endurance and his hardihood came out of the service alive. While in the South he was stricken with the yellow fever, and when he was finally discharged at the end of three years he could best be described as more dead than alive. He received his honorable discharge August 1, 1898, and while still unable to walk came back to the old home at Berlin Heights. After partially recovering, he went West and regained his health in the mining regions of California. He worked as a miner and in other occupations, and in 1906 returned to Erie County and soon afterwards took up farming. Mr. Clary has owned his present fine estate since 1898, having inherited it from his grandfather, George W. Clary.

While living in California Mr. Clary married Helen E. Stone, who was born in Hastings, Minnesota, September 3, 1885. When eight years of age she went to California with her parents, Albert S. and Mary E. (Bates) Stone, who are now living retired at Chico, California. Mr. and Mrs. Clary have two children: Newton A., born June 29, 1907; and Helen A., born August 12, 1908. Mr. Clary is a republican in politics, and he and his wife attend the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Oscar B. Haise. Erie County is favored in claiming as one of its progressive citizens a man who is widely known as one of the most extensive and successful horticulturists in the state, and this citizen further merits consideration in this publication by reason of his being a native of the county and a representative of one of its honored families of the pioneer stock. He is a recognized authority in connection with the industry of apple-growing, and his fine orchards lie partially in Florence Township, this county, and partly in Henrietta Township, Lorain County. Save for twenty years' residence in the State of Kansas Mr. Haise has maintained his home in Erie County from the time of his birth to the present, and he is a citizen who commands the unqualified esteem of all who know him.

Mr. Haise has been actively engaged in the growing of the finest grades of apples since 1902, and from a comparatively modest inception he has developed an industrial enterprise in this line that places him among the foremost and most extensive exponents of apple-growers

in his native state, the while his scientific methods and progressive policies have made his example well worthy of emulation. His original orchard was of his own setting, and he now owns well developed orchards that utilize the major part of a tract of seventy acres, in Florence Township, Erie County, and Henrietta Township, Lorain County, his landed estate being situated not far distant from the Village of Birmingham, where he maintains his residence. The extent of the business developed by Mr. Haise may be understood when it is stated that in a single year he has gathered from his fine orchards as many as 24,000 bushels of fancy apples of the highest grade, the products of his orchards finding ready and appreciative demand in the markets of Cleveland and Indianapolis, to each of which cities he makes large shipments each year, as does he also to Cincinnati.

In 1882 Mr. Haise established his residence on a farm in Russell County, Kansas, where he was associated with his brother, George A., in the raising and feeding of cattle on an extensive scale, their operations having involved the handling of an average of about 1,000 head of cattle annually. Mr. Haise continued his residence in the Sunflower State until 1902, when he returned to his native county and established his present important industrial enterprise.

On the pioneer homestead farm of his father, in Florence Township, this county, Oscar B. Haise was born in the year 1842, and the environment and influences of the farm compassed him until he had attained to his legal majority, when he left the parental roof to go forth as a valiant soldier of the Union in the Civil war, his educational advantages in the meanwhile having been those afforded in the common schools of the locality and period.

In the autumn of 1863, at the age of twenty-one years, Mr. Haise enlisted as a private in the First Regiment of United States Volunteer Engineers, and with this important and valiant command he continued in active service until he was transferred to the position of hospital steward in which he served till victory had crowned the Union arms and peace had been re-established. In the hospital service, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, Mr. Haise was retained for about one-half of the entire period of his term in the army, and he received his honorable discharge in November, 1865. He perpetuates and vitalizes the more gracious memories and associations of his military career through his active affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic, the ranks of which are being rapidly thinned by the one implacable adversary, death.

After the close of the war Mr. Haise returned to Erie County, where he continued to be actively identified with agricultural pursuits until his removal to Kansas, in 1882, as previously noted. After twenty years of successful business as a cattle grower in Kansas he returned to Erie County, where he has found ample opportunity for equally successful endeavor in the field of industry to which he is giving his attention.

Mr. Haise, who has never left the ranks of eligible bachelors, is a son of Edwin and Ann E. (Klady) Haise, both of whom were born in the State of New York and both of whom were young at the time of the immigration of the respective families to the pioneer wilds of Erie County, Ohio, both families settling in Florence Township, where the marriage of the young couple was solemnized. After his marriage Edwin Haise established his residence on a farm in Florence Township, this having been a portion of the old homestead on which his parents had settled about the close of the second decade of the nineteenth century, the place being on the present Vermilion and Florence road. On this farm Edwin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Haise, passed the remainder of their lives, the original homestead having comprised 160 acres and the same having been reclaimed from the forest by John Haise, an hon-

ored pioneer concerning whom more specific mention is made on other pages of this volume, in the sketch of the career of George I. Haise.

Edwin Haise, a man of energy, integrity and mature judgment, held precedence as one of the substantial agriculturists and stock-growers of Erie County until his death, which occurred on the ancestral farmstead, in 1882, when he was seventy-five years of age. His widow thereafter accompanied her sons George A. and Oscar B. on their removal to Russell County, Kansas, and there she was summoned to the life eternal in 1892, at the venerable age of eighty-five years. This noble pioneer woman was a charter member of the Presbyterian Church in the Village of Florence, Erie County, and her entire life was guided and governed by her abiding Christian faith, which was manifested in kindliness, tolerance, abiding human sympathy and good deeds. Her husband was originally a whig and later a republican in politics, and he likewise was an attendant of the Presbyterian Church. Of their children the eldest was George A., who was born in the year 1836, on the old homestead farm in Erie County, where he was reared and educated. In 1862 he enlisted in the First United States Regiment of Volunteer Engineers, shortly after his graduation from the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati. He was made assistant surgeon of his regiment, and he continued in service in this capacity four years, or until the close of the war, his rank being that of first lieutenant. After the war he wedded Miss Martha J. Miles, of Platte County, Missouri, in which state he continued in the practice of his profession until 1874, when he engaged in the cattle business in Central Kansas, where he was joined by his brother Oscar, of this review, in 1882, as already noted in this article. Doctor Haise continued his residence in Kansas until his death, in the autumn of 1909, at the age of seventy-three years. He accumulated in Kansas a valuable landed estate of 3,000 acres, and his widow and son now own 4,000 acres in that state, the only son, Edwin M., being one of the representative agriculturists and stock-growers of Kansas and he and his wife being the parents of three children—George, Mary and Oscar. Mary A., the only sister of the subject of this sketch, became the wife of Capt. Dennis Blanchard, of whom individual mention is made in this volume, and she died on the 2d of October, 1869, without issue.

Oscar B. Haise has been a lifelong and stalwart supporter of the principles and policies of the republican party and though he has shown the utmost liberality and public spirit he has not been imbued with ambition for political office, his only service in such capacity having been as assessor of Florence Township, a position of which he was the incumbent for a number of terms. He is one of the substantial and honored citizens of his native township and county and is well upholding the prestige of a name that has been long and worthily linked with the history of this favored section of the old Buckeye State.

Louis Webber. About twenty-five years ago Louis Webber brought his family to America, and has since lived either in Lorain or in Erie County. He was a thrifty and skilled German mechanic and in the old country had earned a livelihood for his family by work as a cabinetmaker. However, he was in exceedingly modest circumstances on coming to Ohio, and has made his comfortable little fortune by hard work, steady economy and good business management, both at home and in all his affairs. He followed mechanical trades while living in Lorain County, and finally, after acquiring some means, invested in his present attractive farm in Florence Township. His place is located on the Butler Road, and he owns seventy-six acres, lying along the Vermilion River. There he carries on a substantial and profitable industry as a farmer and stock raiser. Most of his land is well improved, and

he pays considerable attention to the raising of good fruit, principally peaches and apples. His general field crops are corn, oats, wheat and potatoes. Since getting his land in 1908 Mr. Webber has invested a good deal of money in improvements. He put up a fine barn on a foundation 34 by 50 feet, has a number of other farm buildings, and his home is a substantial seven-room house.

For sixteen years Mr. Webber had his home in Lorain County. For nine years of that time he was connected with the large car shops at the City of Lorain, and subsequently for several years was a city employe. Louis Webber was born in Prussia, not more than thirty German miles from the City of Berlin, August 5, 1851. His parents and most of his ancestors had been substantial small farmers in that country. He is a son of Louis and Mary (Mau) Webber, who were born in the same locality, and spent all their lives there. His father died in 1861, at the age of fifty-nine, and his mother passed away nine years later, in 1870, at the age of fifty-seven. They were members of the Lutheran Church.

In his native country Louis Webber grew to manhood, gaining an education in the public schools, performing the duties required as useful Prussian citizens, and serving a thorough apprenticeship at the cabinetmaking trade. He was a cabinetmaker at a time when very little work was done by machinery, and practically all furniture and woodwork was the product of careful and skillful hand labor.

While in Germany Mr. Webber married Fredericka Schrader. She was born near the same village where her husband grew up, January 16, 1853, a daughter of Christian and Christianna (Forge) Schrader. Her mother was twice married after the death of Christian Schrader, but her only children came from the first marriage. The Schraders were also Lutherans.

While living in Germany Mr. and Mrs. Webber became the parents of five children. Then, in 1889, as a family, they left Prussia, embarking on the ship Bohemia, at Hamburg, and landing in New York City, March 26, 1889. From there they came on west to Elyria, Ohio, lived in that city two years, and thence moved to Lorain. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Webber are briefly mentioned as follows: Herman, who was born in Germany, finished his education at Lorain, became a telegraph operator and later a railway brakeman, and about nine years ago lost his arm, and his since been employed as a watchman for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company in Chicago; he is unmarried. Freda is the wife of Ralph Hunter, an iron worker at Lorain, and their children are Dorothy and Irving. Anna married Fern Wadsworth, who is foreman with the Dean Electric Company at Elyria; they have no children. Martha, who was educated at Lorain, is now in the employ of a physician in that city. Clara is also employed in a physician's office at Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. Webber were both confirmed as members of the Lutheran Church when children. In politics he is a republican.

Warren Bradway. One of the chief ends of life for a man is efficient service in some honorable department of the world's activities and proper provision for home and family. To accomplish this in a practical manner is in itself a high decree of success. Warren Bradway of Florence Township has acquitted himself well in this performance and at the same time has found opportunity to serve his community. Mr. Bradway has spent nearly all his life in this one locality, has gathered many successive harvests from his fields, has effected numerous improvements on his land, and is a citizen who can look steadily and with courage into all the circumstances of the present and the future.

His birth occurred February 16, 1850, on the old farm which he now owns and occupies, situated on the Butler Road near the Huron County line. He is of English ancestry, but both his parents and grandparents were natives of the eastern states. Mr. Bradway never knew his father, who died when Warren was a small child. Mr. Bradway's mother was, before her marriage, Anna Parker. She was a niece of William W. Parker, of the prominent Parker family of Florence Township, referred to on other pages of this work. Anna Parker was born at Livonia, New York, February 15, 1827, and as a girl came to Erie County. She died at the home of her only son and child, May 3, 1883. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Warren Bradway was born in a log cabin on the old farm, and grew up in a more substantial home which is still occupied by him and his family as a place of residence. While one of the older houses in Florence Township, it makes a cosy home, and the basement under the house rests upon the solid foundation of natural stone which underlies all his home farm. If quarried, this stone would make a most excellent building material. The house in which he now lives was built by his mother's father, Ormal Parker, about fifty years ago. With the exception of about five years spent at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, Mr. Bradway has lived all his life in this one home. His house is surrounded by fifteen acres of land, and he also owns a fine farm of 151 acres well improved with a good house and with other farm buildings, located two miles northeast of Wakeman in Huron County. This is a valuable and productive farm, well stocked, and with a twelve-acre bearing orchard.

On the farm in Huron County on March 7, 1866, Mr. Bradway was married to Miss Mary Crawford, who was born and reared there. Her birthplace was also in a log house, and she first saw the light of day January 11, 1845. Mrs. Bradway's parents were Alexander and Sadilla (Kilburn) Crawford, her mother having been the last wife of Mr. Crawford. Both her parents were born in New York State and came to Wakeman Township when young, were married there, and started housekeeping on the farm now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bradway. They spent the rest of their lives there and her father died at the age of eighty-four and her mother in 1899, when seventy-one years of age. Both were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics he was a democrat. Mrs. Bradway was one of a family of ten children, two sons and eight daughters, and of these five daughters and one son are still living, married and have families of their own. One son, Charles, enlisted as a soldier early in the Civil war, going out with a company organized at Wakeman, and was shot in one of the battles in which they were engaged, and died not long afterwards while in hospital, and is buried near the scene of his last battle.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradway have one child, Rosina B., who is now the wife of George A. Parker, reference to whose career will be found on other pages. Mr. and Mrs. Bradway are active supporters of churches and all moral influences in their community, he is a democrat in politics and has filled several of the local positions of trust and responsibility. Mr. Bradway is himself a splendid exemplar of a moral and upright life. He has never used tobacco in any form nor intoxicating liquors and his self-controlled and temperate living is well expressed in his perfect health, his clear eyes and fine complexion.

Henry J. Latteman. A life marked by unassuming rectitude and by resolute integrity of purpose was that of the late Henry J. Latteman, who for thirty years was numbered among the representative farmers and honored citizens of Florence Township, and to his career must be devoted a brief memorial tribute in this history.

Born in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County June 29, 1857, Henry J. Latteman spent practically all his life either in Lorain or Erie County, and died on the homestead now occupied by Mrs. Latteman and her children May 5, 1910. The Latteman home is on the East River road, three miles south of Birmingham in Florence Township.

This is a family which has exhibited all the sterling qualities of the German-American type of citizen. Mr. Latteman was a son of Adam and Mary (Engleberry) Latteman, both of whom were born in Kurhessen, Germany, the former in 1828 and the latter in 1830. They grew up as neighbor children and came together as immigrants to the United States on a sailing vessel from Bremen to New York City in 1850. A week after their arrival in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County they were married and with an equipment of thrift and industry equal to all their necessities they started out to make a home. They acquired and developed a large farm in Henrietta Township of Lorain County, and spent their last days in peace and comfort there. The father died in September, 1907, at the age of seventy-nine, and the mother in May, 1898, aged sixty-five. For a number of years they attended and supported the Methodist Church, but later became members of the German Reformed denomination. Their family of children comprised Adam, Mary, Henry J., Maggie, Conrad, Charles, Anna and Fred, all of whom are living except Henry and all married except the youngest.

Reared in Lorain County, Henry J. Latteman acquired an education in the district schools and learned also the lessons of industry and honesty in his home circle, and in prosecuting the various duties which were assigned him as a boy. He began farming in his native county, but in 1880 removed to Florence Township in Erie County, and there acquired 56½ acres of land. That was his home the rest of his life, and all his children were born there. To his first farm he added more land as prosperity rewarded his efforts, buying ninety-two acres and later his wife inherited eighteen acres of land adjacent and formerly a part of the old homestead of her father. The Latteman farm is on fine rolling land, highly productive, and its buildings are in a good state of repair. One feature of the place is a four-acre apple orchard. This farm Mr. Latteman conducted with characteristic thrift and energy, and Mrs. Latteman since his death has proved an efficient manager, being assisted in that task by her sons.

Since she was two and a half years of age Mrs. Latteman has lived on the farm where she married Mr. Latteman and which is still her home. Her maiden name was Barbara Gleim. She was born in Amherst, Lorain County, November 23, 1856, a daughter of George and Anna Dora (Summer) Gleim. Both her parents were born at Christ Rosenberg, Kurhessen, Germany, were reared in that country and came to the United States on one of the old slow-going sailing vessels. They arrived in Lorain County sixty-four years ago, and after their marriage they started out as farmers in that county. In 1858 Mr. Gleim brought his wife and two daughters to Florence Township, and bought the land on the East River road where Mrs. Latteman still lives. His first purchase comprised forty acres, and to this he subsequently added another forty-two acres, and still later fifty-six acres. Mr. Gleim was a capable and methodical farmer, he and his wife were both good managers, and many of the improvements from their hands are still in evidence around the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Gleim worked very hard to acquire a competence, and after they reached a degree of comfortable circumstances they moved to another farm in Florence Township, where he passed away February 9, 1909. He was born January 14, 1829. Mrs. Gleim was born March 9, 1830, and died October 28, 1910. They had been reared and throughout their lives were faithful to the German Reformed

Church, and in politics he was a democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Latteman were the parents of four children. George, born November 19, 1880, is still unmarried and is his mother's capable manager on the home farm. Katie is the wife of John Bohn, and they live on a farm in Lorain County and have one son, Theodore. Theodore, the third child, is now farming on part of his mother's estate, and by his marriage to Bertha Nason has a son named Harold and a daughter named Dorothy. Anna Dorothea, the youngest, born October 28, 1897, is still at home and has completed her education in the district schools. Mrs. Latteman is a member of the German Reformed Church, with which denomination her husband was also identified, while politically he was a democratic voter.

Adam Berg. What Florence Township now represents as an agricultural and social community can be credited in a great degree to the splendid industry and thrift of the German settlers in this section, especially during its development through the last half century. It is of this fine stock that Adam Berg is a representative. His family has been identified with Erie County since the years preceding the Civil war and in gaining material prosperity for themselves they have also helped to forward the community good.

In Florence Township and near his present homestead Adam Berg was born November 22, 1863. His parents Frederick and Elizabeth (Berlip) Berg were both born in Hasefeld, Germany, the father on March 15, 1843, and the mother in 1839. They were of old German stock, and Evangelical Church people. Almost immediately after their marriage in Germany they embarked on a vessel at Bremen and started for the United States. This was about 1857. The voyage on the sailing vessel was characterized by roughness of the seas and slow movements, and after some weeks they landed in New York, and came on direct to Erie County, first locating in Vermilion Township. A few years later they moved to Florence, and the father secured a small tract of two acres near Vermilion River. It was in that small homestead and in the midst of few comforts that all their children were born. Having advanced himself in prosperity the father then moved east of the first farm, and bought seventy-seven acres on the township line and opposite Henrietta Township of Lorain County. The new home was within a mile of the Village of Birmingham. The parents made some improvements on that land and spent the rest of their days there. Frederick Berg died May 27, 1908, and his widow passed away on March 31, 1915. They were industrious, kind neighbors, regular in their church attendance, and after becoming a naturalized citizen Frederick Berg adopted the principles of the republican party as his own.

There were three children. Catherine, born November 17, 1862, was reared and educated in Florence Township, has never married and is now sharing the comforts of the old home and keeping house for her brother Adam. The other daughter, Minnie, born August 30, 1870, married Theodore Ward of Pittsfield, Ohio, who died in April, 1910. He was a farmer. By this marriage there is one daughter, Leona, born February 19, 1903, and now attending the seventh grade of school. Mrs. Ward and her daughter live at the old Berg homestead, and all the three children share in its management and comfort. Adam Berg, who is also a bachelor, grew up in Florence Township, gained his education from the public schools and for the past thirty years has steadily pursued a successful career as a farmer. In politics he is a republican.

Ranson F. McLaughlin. To mention the name of this fine old citizen and retired farmer of Milan is to recall one of the oldest and

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Mrs. R. F. McLaughlin

most prominent of the early families of Erie County. It was due to the enterprise of his Scotch-Irish grandfather that the family was established in the wilderness of Erie County, long before it became a county, and before the Northwest had been completely won from the dominion of the English and the Indians. Happily the county possesses a permanent memorial to this family of pioneers in the old community of McLaughlin Corners in Berlin Township.

The pioneer settler was John McLaughlin, who was born in Ireland of Scotch-Irish ancestry. He came to America with ten brothers, in the early years of the nineteenth century. Most of these brothers remained in the State of Pennsylvania, but John, who was one of the youngest in the number, showed his enterprise by pushing on a few years later into the wilds of Ohio, and found land that suited him in the vicinity of what was then only an Indian camp ground, but is now the Village of Milan. He and his little family were living here when Hull surrendered Detroit, and he heard the guns that announced the battle between Perry's fleet and the English vessels at Put-In Bay on Lake Erie. While living in Pennsylvania John McLaughlin married Elizabeth Hoak, who was a great-aunt to Nathaniel Hoak of Erie County. She was born at Georgetown in Beaver County, Pennsylvania. After their marriage they came out to what is now Milan Township, and settled on lot 10 in Berlin Township, where John McLaughlin secured 100 acres of completely wild land. It was about 1810 that they took possession and built a rude log cabin for their first shelter and home. After Hull surrendered to the American forces at Detroit it was feared, and with reason, that the Indians, the constant allies of the British, would swarm all over Northern Ohio and carry devastation and slaughter to all the settlements. Consequently the McLaughlins buried all they could in a well, and hurried back to Pennsylvania to her home in Georgetown. They did not return to Erie County until the American forces were once more in control, and not until 1814 or 1815. This fact is known because their son Milton, father of Ranson F. McLaughlin, was born at Georgetown, Pennsylvania, on Christmas Day, 1815. Not long afterwards the little family reoccupied their home in the western part of Berlin Township, and around their settlement grew up in time a community which from that day to this has been known as McLaughlin Corners. John McLaughlin and his wife spent many years in quiet industry and useful and peaceable living there, and both died before the Civil war. John was seventy-seven when he passed away. His first wife, Miss Hoak, had died a number of years before, and he afterwards married a Miss Leach, who died without children. John McLaughlin and wife were earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and among the first of that denomination in Berlin Township. In politics the McLaughlins were ardent supporters of the whig party from the time it came into existence until it was supplanted by the republican party, and most of the later generations have been republicans. They were also prominent as early abolitionists in Northern Ohio, and many a fugitive slave from the South, en route to Canada and freedom, found a haven of refuge in the McLaughlin home. John McLaughlin and his first wife had nine children, three sons and six daughters: Mary, better known as Polly, Catherine, Nancy, Elizabeth, Henry, Belinda, Milton, Anna and John. All married except Nancy and John, and those that married had quite large families. Most of them lived to be past middle age, but all are now deceased. The sons of John McLaughlin were all skillful and noted nimrods in the early days in Erie County. Milton McLaughlin was one of the most successful hunters in the state. In the fall of one year in order to provide meat for his

family he killed twelve deer, besides much other wild game. In a single year he killed seventy-five opossums, hundreds of squirrels and wild turkey. Practically every item of pioneer experience made familiar through the pages of this history would apply to the McLaughlin family. It is recalled as only one incident that the meal for their corn cake was pounded and crushed in a mortar hollowed out from the stump of a tree.

Milton McLaughlin, whose birth date has already been recorded as occurring on Christmas Day of 1815, grew up in the wilderness of Erie County, and besides his activity as a hunter he was distinguished by great strength and industry in his more permanent vocation as a farmer. He was also employed in the early shipyards at Milan, and was an expert whip sawyer. From his own land he cut large quantities of timber and had the logs sawed in the mills at Milan, and then sold and delivered the dressed lumber to the markets in Liverpool, England. His industry largely improved the old home known as the McLaughlin homestead of 100 acres, and much of this land is still owned by his son William. Milton McLaughlin and wife spent nearly all their active years there, but finally retired to Milan Village, to a pleasant home on Center Street, where he died in 1887 and she in 1893. He was a member of the Methodist Church, while his wife was a Presbyterian. He voted for a number of whig candidates for President, and later became an equally strong republican. Milton McLaughlin was married at Milan to Miss Mary Krom. She was born in Ulster County, New York, April 28, 1822, and was seventy-one years of age when she passed away at Milan. Her parents were Abraham and Mary J. (Cotrant) Krom, both New York State people. In 1840 the Krom family came to Ohio, and her parents spent the rest of their days in Erie County. Abraham Krom was born in Paris, France, was educated there, taught school, and after coming to the United States was married in New York to Miss Cotrant, who was a native of Scotland. They were both birthright Quakers, and their daughter Mrs. McLaughlin was also reared in that simple faith.

Ranson F. McLaughlin, who with his descendants might well take pride in his sturdy pioneer ancestry, was born on the old farm in Berlin Township June 9, 1839. He has already lived more than three quarters of a century. As a boy he attended school in Berlin Heights, and much of his education came from that great teacher, the venerable Job Fish. After reaching his majority he started out in the permanent vocation of his career as a farmer, and for fifty-three years occupied and operated 114 acres in Berlin Township near McLaughlin Corners. On that one place he and his wife spent fifty-three years, but in 1913 they returned to Milan Village and bought an attractive home on Seminary Street, overlooking the Huron River valley and adjoining the birthplace of Thomas A. Edison.

In 1860 Mr. McLaughlin married Miss Sarah Desire Springer. She was born near the Village of Berlin January 12, 1842, and besides such education as the local schools supplied she attended Oberlin College. Her parents were Job L. and Lydia (Sayles) Springer. They were both born in Cayuga County, New York, her father on September 3, 1804, and her mother in 1810. They were married there in 1829, and their first son, Lorin L. Springer, was born in New York State. Then in 1832 the Springers came West, following the Erie Canal as far as Buffalo, and thence by small boat up Lake Erie to Huron Village. They finally located on a farm in Berlin Township, at a time when nearly all the surrounding country was new and undeveloped. On that farm Mr. and Mrs. Springer spent the rest of their lives. He died there in September, 1862, and his wife on March 6, 1874. They were consistent

church people, and deserve mention among the worthiest of the early settlers. Mr. Springer and all his seven sons were active republicans, and there were also two daughters in the family that grew up. All the children married except one son who was accidentally killed when a log rolled upon him.

Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin have two children. Charles W., who died at his home in Berlin Heights in 1905 at the age of forty-four, married Louisa A. Weitzman, who died in 1900, leaving two children, Clifford Ranson and Mildred May. Franklin E., the younger son, was born December 11, 1870, and was married in 1901 to Maude Wells of Milan. They now live in Waterbury, Connecticut, where he practices dentistry, being a graduate of the dental department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Doctor and Mrs. McLaughlin have four children: Dorothy H., Herbert E., Harold Ranson and Eunice Eugenia. Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin are active members of the Milan Presbyterian Church, and they have been members of Berlin Heights Grange No. 345 of the Patrons of Husbandry since 1884. In politics he is a republican, thus maintaining the political traditions and principles so long supported by the family.

William Humm. In the western part of Florence Township, Erie County, will be found the attractive farm home of William Humm, who is known in and about the community as a leader in progressive and scientific farming. Mr. Humm's acreage, while not large, is ample for his needs, his tract of 111 acres being enough to occupy his every moment and to require as well the added labors of one or more assistants throughout the year. Ninety-nine acres is maintained in a high state of cultivation, while the remaining twelve acres is heavily wooded and is held in reserve by its owner.

William Humm was born in Switzerland on January 31, 1853, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Roth) Humm, born on March 23, 1813, and January 10, 1825, respectively. They were of Swiss birth and parentage, though residents of Bremen, Germany, for some time prior to their removal to America. Their son, William, of this review, was eighteen months old when his parents brought him to their new home, so that he is essentially American, though of foreign birth.

With reference to the American experiences of the family of Jacob Humm, it may be said briefly that from New York they came west to Ohio, stopping first in Cleveland, where they remained about three years, and later moving on to Erie County, Ohio, where they established a home and where they passed the remaining years of their lives. They moved about some in Erie County before finding their real home, but Florence Township ultimately came to claim them as her own. They owned a 100 acre farm there, and it was reckoned among the fine places in the township. They were people who possessed many worthy traits of character and their lives were splendid examples of good citizenship, and of wholesome and thrifty living. Much credit was due to them for the organization and faithful support of the German Reformed Church at Henrietta, Ohio, and Jacob Humm was an elder in its ruling body for some years. He died in 1894 and his widow followed in 1897.

Twice married, Jacob Humm was the father of fourteen children. The seven children of his first wife reached maturity, but all are now deceased. William Humm was the first child of his father's second marriage, and two other sons and a daughter survive. The daughter, Martha Humm, is the wife of Sebert Curth, of Ashland County, Ohio, and Charles is a prosperous farmer of Florence Township, as is also Edward. Both are married.

William Humm had such educational advantages as the common schools of his home community afforded, and he continued at home with his parents until his marriage to Catherine Geist, of Henrietta, Loraine County, Ohio, in 1873. She was born in Germany, on July 17, 1855, and was but nine months old when her parents, William and Catherine (Eckhart) Geist, came to the United States. Lorain County became their home, and they passed the remaining years of their lives within its borders. William Geist manifested his allegiance to his adopted country by enlisting for service in the Civil war, and his service covered a period of twenty-two months. In that time he participated in many important engagements, and not once was he disqualified for action as a result of injuries. His record was a praiseworthy one in all respects. With the close of the war he took up farm life again in Henrietta, and there he passed away when he was in the sixty-eighth year of his well-spent life. His widow survived a few years and died at the age of seventy-nine. Both were charter members of the German Reformed Church of Henrietta, and ably assisted the parents of William Humm in its establishment. To them were born a son and daughter, the latter becoming the wife of the subject, as has already appeared. The son, Adam, resides near Kipton, Ohio, and there has reared a family of eight children.

To William and Catherine (Geist) Humm one child was born, Caroline, born January 13, 1876, the wife of Aaron D. Webber, who was born April 13, 1873, in Jamestown, Pennsylvania. The Webbers make their home with Mrs. Webber's parents and are the owners of a twenty-five acre tract adjoining the Humm property. They have two living sons, Clarence William, born March 28, 1899, and Karl Elmer, born August 17, 1910. Their first born child, Warren, born March 25, 1897, died on October 1, in the same year.

The home of William Humm is one that is worthy of special notice. The house, a comfortable and appropriate structure, with nine airy rooms and all modern conveniences, presents the cheerful and home-like exterior that a white house with green blinds invariably will, and all about are the evidences of the love of home that is a dominant characteristic in the family. Mr. Humm is justly proud of the record of his acres, and bumper crops are the rule with him. Twenty-five bushels of wheat to the acre, forty bushels of oats and 100 of corn are average crops on his place, and the meadow lands yield abundantly. He keeps a good deal of livestock on the farm, all of which is fed on the produce of the land. Mr. Humm came into ownership of the farm in the spring of 1894 and the many improvements there in evidence today have been made by him since that time.

All considered, Mr. Humm is properly considered in the community to be a farming man of much ability, and his record and standing in matters of citizenship will bear rigid inspection. With his wife he is an attendant of the Congregational Church of Florence as is also the daughter and her family. He has no political affiliations, and has not entered into that phase of the community life beyond the reasonable activities of a voter.

Harry J. Thompson. Among the prosperous rural residents of Florence Township few have had a more active and varied career than Harry J. Thompson. Mr. Thompson, who has passed the psalmist's span of three score and ten, saw active service as a soldier during the critical time of the rebellion, and later for a number of years was one of the pioneer rubber manufacturers in America, and helped to found one of the greatest concerns for the manufacture of rubber goods in the world. For the past thirty years his home has been in Erie County, and he has employed his time and energies in the quiet routine of agriculture.

Though born in Cleveland, Ohio, July 26, 1842, Mr. Thompson spent most of his early career in the eastern states and cities. His parents were Andrew and Henrietta (Joslin) Thompson. His father was a native of Norway, and grew up in the industries connected with maritime enterprise, became a ship carpenter, and in the course of his employment in that work came to America locating at Cleveland. For some years he was connected with the Great Lakes marine, but finally removed to Brooklyn, New York, and died there in 1846 at the age of thirty-nine. While in New York City he married Miss Joslin, who was a New Jersey girl. She married for her second husband William Hagadorn, and she died in New York City in 1852, at the age of twenty-nine. Her second husband also married again, but his subsequent career is not known to Mr. Thompson beyond the fact that he was a sailor.

It was in New York City that Harry J. Thompson spent his early years, and along with public training educated himself as a pharmacist. He gave this up to become a student of rubber manufacturing, but in the meantime had made his record as a soldier of the Union during the Civil war. He enlisted in 1861 at Trenton, New Jersey, in the Third New Jersey Regiment of Infantry for the three months service. In 1862 he again enlisted, this time in the Fourteenth New Jersey Regiment, and was in active service with that command from August, 1862, until March, 1863. He was then assigned to the medical department in the regular army, and during the rest of the war served as a hospital steward.

Mr. Thompson originated some of the processes which are at the basis of the modern industry of rubber goods manufacture. In 1871 he came to Akron, Ohio, and soon afterward introduced his formula for the making of rubber goods into the small plant of Doctor Goodrich. He became the first superintendent of the Goodrich concern, and his processes served as the basis for that great industry. It was largely through his management that the business became prosperous and after two years of experimenting he had the plant started toward permanent success. The products of the Goodrich Rubber Company are now known and in use practically all over the world, and it is an important distinction that an Erie County man should have been so closely identified with the early success of this concern. For several years Mr. Thompson also carried on a small factory of his own, but in 1884 came to Vermilion, Ohio, and after one year as superintendent of Linwood Park moved to Florence Township, where he has since followed farming.

For his first wife Mr. Thompson married in St. Louis, Missouri, Ruth A. Cubberley, who was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and died in Florence Township of Erie County November 24, 1893, at the age of fifty-nine. No children survived her. In December, 1895, Mr. Thompson married in Florence Township Mrs. Anna E. Clary. Mrs. Thompson, whose maiden name was Anna E. Morse, was born in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County July 11, 1846, and since she was six years of age has lived on the farm now occupied by her and Mr. Thompson. She belongs to one of the old families of Northern Ohio, and was formerly the wife of Fred M. Clary, of the prominent Florence Township family sketched on other pages.

Mrs. Thompson is a daughter of Mark and Harriet (Bartlett) Morse. Her father was a kinsman of Samuel B. Morse, famed as the inventor of the magnetic telegraph. Her father was born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and was married in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County, whither both he and his wife had settled when young. In 1852 they removed to Florence Township, and lived on their farm until retiring to Birmingham. Her father died March 17, 1898, at the age of eighty-three. Her mother, who was born in Keene, New Hampshire,

in May, 1821, died in June, 1883. Mrs. Thompson's mother was a member of the Baptist Church, and her father was a republican.

The farm now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Thompson is one of the noted country estates of Florence Township, comprising 100 acres located near Birmingham. Mr. Thompson, who is a strong republican, served as postmaster of Birmingham under President McKinley, and has also filled the office of justice of the peace in his township with great credit. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Benjamin Isaac Hill. The Hill family is one of the oldest continuously identified with Erie County for almost a century. Benjamin I. Hill, who occupies a fine country home in Berlin Township with postoffice at Berlin Heights, has himself witnessed fully seventy years of changes and developments in this part of Northern Ohio.

The record of the Hill family in America begins nearly 300 years ago. The emigrant ancestor was John Hill, who emigrated from Northampton, England, in 1644, and first located in the Barbadoes in the British West Indies. He made the voyage on the Hopewell, and lived in the Barbadoes with his family for about ten years. In the meantime he married Frances Symonds, and in 1654 removed to Guilford, Connecticut, where his first wife died in May, 1673. He married for his second wife Catherine Chalker of Saybrook, Connecticut. John Hill died at Guilford June 8, 1689. His son James Hill, who was born in 1646 and died March 25, 1715, married Sarah Griswold, and they were the parents of eight children. The second child and the first son was Isaac Hill, who was born at Guilford September 5, 1685, and died February 7, 1775. He married Ann Parmelee and had a large family. Their son James, born early in the eighteenth century, died March 10, 1734. He married Mary Fry, and they were the parents of three children, including James, Jr., who married Hannah Nettleson. A son of James and Hannah Hill, Noah, Sr., who was born February 27, 1754, died in May, 1826. Noah, Sr., married Carolina Parmelee, and had a large family.

Next in line is Noah Hill, Jr., grandfather of Benjamin I. Hill. Noah, Jr., was born October 4, 1784, and died May 27, 1864. He married Susan Ingalls, who was born in Connecticut April 27, 1784. This pioneer couple established the family name and fortunes in Erie County, having left Guilford, Connecticut, in 1818. They came by way of river, canal and lake to Huron, Ohio, and thence through the dense woods to the present site of Berlin Heights. Noah Hill bought a tract of raw land, now situated in the eastern part of Berlin Heights Village. There he erected his first home, a humble log cabin, and was soon regarded as a man of influence and high standing in the community. At that time Berlin Township was called Eldridge Township, part of the land being owned by a man named Eldridge. This land owner was unscrupulous, and not only sold but resold the same pieces of land and defrauded many of the early settlers. In consequence of this conduct Noah Hill led a movement which brought about a change in the name of the township from Eldridge to Berlin. In many other ways he showed his influence as a man of strictest honesty and upright character. By trade Noah Hill was a boat builder, an occupation which took him out of Erie County and he frequently made business trips as far as Detroit. His widow survived him about sixteen years and died when about ninety-seven years old. She was a vigorous woman almost to the last and had been a successful teacher for ten years before her marriage. Both she and her husband lived the religious faith and doctrines as preached by the Episcopal Church. In politics he was a whig for many

years and joined the republican party at the time of its organization. He was likewise an ardent abolitionist, and courageously practiced the doctrine in which he believed at a time when the abolition movement was decidedly unpopular. Noah Hill and wife had eleven sons and daughters.

In the next generation is Edwin Ingalls Hill, who was the father of Benjamin I. Hill. He was born in Guilford, Connecticut, August 9, 1809, and was still a boy when the family came to Erie County in 1818. He grew up on a farm not far from Berlin Heights, and for many years he lived in nothing better in the way of a home than a log house. After his marriage he acquired the possession of part of the old Hill homestead, farmed there for a time, and eventually bought a farm that is now included in the village corporation limits. There he constructed a substantial residence, now occupied by his widow. Edwin I. Hill was first married March 5, 1833, to Miss Lucy Ann Tennant, who came to Erie County when a girl from New York State. She died August 30, 1842, leaving the following children: Horace who was born March 6, 1834, and was the second man to enlist at Berlin Heights for service in the Civil war, joining Company C of the One Hundred and Seventh Ohio Infantry, under Captain Sprague, and continuing a faithful soldier until shot down on the battlefield of Resaca, Georgia; Benjamin Isaac, who is next in order of birth; Alphia Amelia, who was born November 30, 1838, and died after her marriage to Charles Tillinghast; and Henry E., who was born December 11, 1840, and died in Erie County in the fall of 1913, his widow, whose maiden name was Louisa Harter, now residing at Akron, Ohio, and the mother of four children. On May 7, 1843, Edwin I. Hill married Catherine Wendell, who was born in Germany but was reared in Erie County. She died January 27, 1855, leaving a daughter Lucy Ann, who was born in 1844, and died May 10, 1864. On June 15, 1857, Edwin I. Hill married for his third wife Sallie Bowler Peabody. She was born at Newport, Rhode Island, July 20, 1837, and has lived in Erie County since she was ten years of age. Her parents were George A. and Ann (Spencer) Peabody. By the third marriage Edwin I. Hill had two children: Sterling L., who was born on the old homestead in Berlin Heights November 24, 1859, and is now one of the largest fruit growers in Erie County; and Louise Augusta, who was born June 4, 1868, and is now the wife of a Congregational minister near Chicago, Illinois.

Benjamin I. Hill, a son of Edwin I. and Lucy Ann (Tennant) Hill, was born on the farm where he still lives near Berlin Heights in a log cabin on February 20, 1836. With the exception of one year he has spent practically all his life of nearly eighty years in this one community. That exception of a year was due to a trip which he took in early manhood in search of wealth in the western goldfields. At the age of twenty-three in 1859 he and five others started out for Pike's Peak, Colorado, going from Milan, by way of Leavenworth, Kansas, and there equipping themselves with four yoke of oxen and a wagon. Their journey over the plains required about six weeks, and Mr. Hill drove the team all the way. While in the West he met Horace Greeley, who at that time was deeply interested in Colorado affairs. His experience in Colorado were of an arduous and varied character, but without the attainment of the principal object, riches in the gold mines. On the way out the party met a band of Cheyenne and Pawnee Indians, and while unmolested the travelers had to summon up all their coolness and resolution when the Indians circled around them and made a conspicuous display of scalps taken from the heads of white men. These Indians employed every resource and method of persuasion to induce the white

men to part with the only woman of the party, Mrs. George Wafful of Berlin Township. The chief of the Indians offered ponies and almost every article he had to secure this woman for himself.

Mr. Hill since returning from his western tour has been content to pursue his career quietly as a farmer and has been bountifully prospered from the crops of the soil and has gained a greater wealth of goods and popular esteem there than he could have found in the West had he been moderately successful as a miner. He has one of the best homesteads in Berlin Township. He has eighty acres under cultivation, eligibly situated near Berlin Heights, and has a fine orchard of fifteen acres, apples, three acres of peach trees, and some pear trees. His home is a large and commodious dwelling of twelve rooms, and for many years he has had all the means necessary for his comfort and convenience.

In the course of his long career Mr. Hill has performed his share of public duties. He has held the office of township trustee and other local positions and thus keeps up the honorable record of the family, his father and grandfather having similarly held local places of trust and responsibility.

In Berlin Township not long after he started upon his independent career as a farmer, Mr. Hill married Miss Sarah Willey, who was born in New York State October 27, 1837, a daughter of Salmon and Durinda (Snow) Willey, who were born and married in East Haddon, Connecticut. Her grandfather Willey was a patriot soldier in the War of the Revolution and a man of the highest standing in his community in Connecticut. Her maternal grandfather was Ebenezer Snow of Connecticut, who late in life moved to Ohio and died at Berlin Heights when quite old. Salmon Willey and wife moved from Connecticut to New York State, where Mrs. Hill was born, and in 1863 made the trip from Albany to Erie County, where Mr. Willey died at the age of eighty-two. His widow subsequently returned to Albany, New York, and died in the home of a daughter Mrs. Marietta J. Pultz at the age of ninety-two. Mrs. Hill received her education partly at Albany and partly in the high school at Kinderhook, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Hill had one son, Willey Harvey, who was born in 1866, and was educated at Berlin Heights and pursued commercial courses in Oberlin College. For a time he was a teacher and later was employed by the firm of Carnegie & Phipps at Pittsburg, but subsequently returned to live with his parents and died here March 24, 1908. He was a man of active and progressive powers, and his early death was widely mourned in the county. He was affiliated with the Knights of Pythias order. Willey H. Hill was married at Portland, Connecticut, to Ann Goodspeed Strickland. She was born in Connecticut, and reared and educated there, and is a woman of high culture and refinement. One of her ancestors was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and she is also connected with the Kilburn family of Connecticut. Mrs. Willey H. Hill has two children: Benjamin Sage, who died in infancy; and Willey Harvey, who was born August 25, 1908, and is now attending school. The younger Mrs. Hill was reared in the faith of the Episcopal Church. Both Mrs. Benjamin Hill and her daughter are active members of the Tuesday Tourist Club at Berlin Heights, and both have held offices in that leading social and literary club of the village. Mr. Hill is a republican and his son was of the same political faith.

George Denman. A member of the class of men who have stepped aside from the path of active labor to allow to pass the younger generation of workers, with their enthusiasm, hopes and ambitions, George Denman of Birmingham is one of the highly respected residents of his

community. Throughout the period of a long and useful career he was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Florence Township, and with the exception of four years in the State of Missouri has passed his entire life in Erie County, having been born on the farm which he still owns, 1½ miles from Birmingham, in Florence Township, November 7, 1843, a son of Thomas and Fatima (Parker) Denman.

William Denman, the grandfather of George Denman, was born in England, was there reared, educated and married, and with his wife emigrated to the United States prior to the year 1800 and settled in Sullivan County, New York, where they passed the remaining years of their lives. Their son, Thomas Denman, was born in that county, April 20, 1800, and received a common school education, being reared to agricultural pursuits under his father's direction. His brother, John, had preceded him to the then far West, and when still a young man Thomas Denman set forth on foot to make the long journey, carrying with him his trusty axe. Finally arriving in Erie County, he purchased land in Florence Township, paying therefor $3 and $4 an acre, hewed himself a home from the wilderness, and continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits here during the remaining years of his life, his death occurring July 28, 1858. This property, which subsequently became the home of his son and is still owned by him, was the site of one of the most famous campmeetings in the history of Ohio. Chosen as the scene of the event because of the presence of a fine spring of clear, cool water, it was at that time, some eighty-one or eighty-two years ago, in the midst of a veritable wilderness, with no roads leading thereto save small openings which led to the state highways. Nevertheless the gathering, called together by one Reverend Shelby, a pioneer minister, was a large one, the pioneer farmers and their families traveling from their new homes for miles and miles around and from far beyond the limits of Erie County.

Thomas Denman was imbued with the true spirit of the pioneer, a longing for a home of his own on which he could work out his own destiny and accumulate his own fortune. He belonged to the sturdy, hardy type without which the wilderness would have remained unconquered. While content to remain as a private citizen, and not desirous of public preferment, he took a keen and intelligent interest in the affairs of the day and voted stanchly with the whig party until the formation of the republican party, and his last presidential vote was cast for Gen. John C. Fremont, the "Pathfinder of the Rocky Mountains," in 1856. Mr. Denman was married in Florence Township to Miss Fatima Parker, who was born in Vermont, July 4, 1816, and was brought to Erie County in 1820 by her parents, Zachariah and Ruth Ann Parker, natives of Vermont, who settled as pioneers of Florence Township. Mr. Parker's first wife died soon after coming to Erie County, and he was subsequently married twice. Thomas and Fatima Denman became the parents of six sons and one daughter, George being the second in order of birth.

George Denman received his education in the public schools of Florence Township, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, in which he has been engaged throughout his life. As a young man he was engaged in a venture in the State of Missouri, but after four years of experience there returned to the homestead place, which he did not leave until his retirement, in 1913, when he moved to Birmingham. Mr. Denman is the owner of 142 acres of rich, productive land, with not an acre of waste, well improved in every respect, and with a fine orchard. It is adapted to raising all the standard crops of the state, and its water is gained from the famous spring of campmeeting fame, while its broad pastures make it particularly desirable for stockraising. During his career as a farmer, Mr. Denman established a reputation for strict integrity, and his standing since his retirement has been equally high. As a citizen he

has contributed to the movements which have made for civic and county welfare and has denied his support to no movement which has had the betterment of the community as its object. In politics he is a stanch and unswerving republican, but has not sought preferment at the hands of his party.

Mr. Denman was married in Florence Township to Miss Cordelia B. Townsend, who was born in New London Township, Huron County, Ohio, December 30, 1852, and brought to Erie County as a child of fifteen years, here completing her education in the public schools. She is a daughter of Lemuel and Elizabeth (Bishop) Townsend, the former of whom was born in March, 1812, in New York, and died February 7, 1892, in Florence Township, and the latter born near Bath, England, in December, 1821, and died in Florence Township, August 27, 1906. They were married at Carman Center, New York, March 20, 1845, and came west to Ohio in 1850 or 1851, locating first in Huron County. They resided at the Village of Greenwich, where Mr. Townsend followed his trade as a mechanic until 1867, and in that year, owing to failing health, turned his attention to an outdoor life. He came to Florence Township, Erie County, and settled on a farm, in the work of which he found the means to recover his health, and here continued to be engaged in farming throughout the remaining years of his long and active life. He was a republican in politics and a man who stood high in the esteem and confidence of his community. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend were the parents of three children: Mrs. Denham; Robert, who died after marriage, leaving no children; and Emma, who became the wife of Gustave Delafield, a farmer of Florence Township, and has no family.

Charles Z. Montague. Of the many honored citizens of Ohio who have been long and actively concerned with marine service on the Great Lakes few are better known, have achieved greater prominence and have shown such ability and zeal, as well as love of the sea, as has Captain Montague, who may be said to be a devotee of his vocation both by natural predilection and long and varied experience. He owns one of the fine modern residence properties in the thriving little City of Huron, and here he and his gracious wife delight to extend hospitality to their troops of friends. The captain at one time attempted to retire from active service on the great inland seas, but their lure proved too strong for him to resist his inclination, with the result that he resumed his labors with all of satisfaction and pleasure, eager once more to cope with the winds and waves of the "merciful, merciless sea."

The lineage of the Montague family traces back to ancient Norman French origin, and records extant mark the family as one of prominence and influence both in France and England, genealogical data being available and running back to the beginning of the eleventh century. The family became one of much distinction in the annals of English history, and from the "right little isle" came William Montague as one of the early colonial settlers in New England, that stern but gracious cradle of much of our national history. From this worthy ancestor the lineage is clearly traced through the various generations to Captain Montague of this review. Maj. Richard Montague, a son of Deacon Samuel Montague, was born on the old homestead, near the present Town of North Leverett, Franklin County, Massachusetts, and the date of his nativity was May 7, 1729. He was a gallant soldier and officer in the Continental Line in the War of the Revolution, and his valor and tactical ability brought to him promotion to the rank of major. He became a member of the official staff of General Washington, and he not only proved a true patriot and valiant soldier but was known as a man of strong character and as one notable for consideration and

kindliness in all the relations of life. He took part also in the French and Indians wars, and his death occurred February 21, 1794. By virtue of descent from this honored patriot Captain Montague is eligible for membership both in the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Society of American Colonial Wars. Zebina Montague, grandfather of the captain, was a son of Oreb Montague, and the latter was a son of Maj. Richard Montague, the Revolutionary soldier.

Zebina Montague was born at Whitstone, Queens County, New York, on the 10th of October, 1795, and early became a resident of Cazenovia, Madison County, that state. For a short time prior to the close of the War of 1812 he served with the American troops stationed at Sacketts Harbor, New York. In 1817, at Cazenovia, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Olive Adams, who was born August 22, 1796, and who passed the closing period of her life at Huron, Ohio, where she died on the 5th of November, 1862, her husband having survived her by a decade.

Robert Bruce Montague, son of Zebina and Olive (Adams) Montague, was their only child and was born in Madison County, New York, on the 23d of December, 1839. His parents came to Ohio by way of Buffalo, where they embarked on a sailing vessel that transported them to their destination. They landed in the port of the little forest hamlet of Huron, Erie County, in 1846 and thus became pioneer settlers of this section of the state. Zebina Montague was a skilled mechanic and while working on a threshing machine he received injuries which necessitated the amputation of one of his arms. Upon coming to Huron he purchased a tract of wild land on the east bank of the Huron River, and this he reclaimed into a productive farm, the homestead having continued the abiding place of both him and his wife until they passed from the stage of their mortal endeavors, he having entered into eternal rest in the year 1872. Both he and his wife were earnest members of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics he was aligned with the whig party until the organization of the republican party, when he espoused the cause of the latter, his active identification with the same continuing until the close of his life.

Capt. Robert Bruce Montague was reared to manhood in Erie County, where he acquired his early education in the pioneer schools. As a youth he became interested in the building and sailing of small boats on Lake Erie, and finally he superintended the construction of the sailing vessel Winona, at Milan, this county. At the age of twenty-one years he was serving as master of a grain vessel of 20,000 tons burden, this boat operating between Ohio ports and the City of Buffalo. After a few years he severed his connection with this vessel, and the same was shortly afterward wrecked and lost at sea. He was thereafter identified with the operation of other vessels, and finally he became master of the grain schooner Jury, of 30,000 tons capacity, the building of which, at the Huron port, he had personally supervised. He was master of this vessel several years, and he then had charge of the completion and launching of the grain schooner John B. Williams, 45,000 tons capacity, as master of which he operated the same eight years, in the transportation of grain to the Buffalo market. He was known as a careful and skillful navigator, met with few accidents at sea and never lost a boat of which he had command, though, as a matter of course, he buffeted with the old-time sailing vessels many a severe storm on Lake Erie. For twenty-six years Capt. Robert B. Montague gallantly sailed his staunch vessels out of the port of Huron, and in the lake marine service he made a record that gave him prestige as one of the most able, brave and successful of navigators on the inland

seas. In 1884 he retired from a seafaring life and removed to the City of Duluth, Minnesota, where he became a marine merchant and where his death occurred on the 2d of August of the following year, his remains being laid to rest in beautiful Forest Hill Cemetery at that place, and those of his wife repose by his side, she having continued her residence at Duluth until her death, in 1892, at which time she was sixty years of age. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church and Captain Montague was a stalwart and uncompromising advocate of the principles and policies of the republican party. He took a loyal interest in community affairs and, to insure the betterment of conditions in the local "God's Acre," he served as president of the Huron Cemetery Association for some time. Of the children Capt. Charles Zeben (or Zebina) Montague, of this review, was the first born; William A., who resides in Kansas City, Missouri, and is a commercial salesman for a Chicago wholesale house, has three children, Richard, Roland and Margaret, the wife and mother, whose maiden name was Alice Bacon, having met her death in 1914, as a result of an automobile accident; Minnie M. is the wife of Henry D. Pierson, a representative business man in the City of Cleveland, and they have three children, Marjorie, Montague and Marian; Olive E. is the wife of John W. Bowes, who is a prominent representative of the real estate business in the City of Oakland, California, and they have one son, Stuart.

Capt. Charles Z. Montague was born at Huron, this county, on the 7th of July, 1857, and in the local schools he continued his studies until he had completed the curriculum of the high school. At the age of sixteen years he joined his father in the navigation activities of the Great Lakes, and as a sailor he served a most thorough and effective apprenticeship, his father having been a strict and always consistent disciplinarian. By effective work and ambitious effort to further himself in knowledge of all details of the vocation of his choice, he won advancement through the various grades of maritime promotion, and when twenty-two years of age he assumed his first independent command, as master of the Oswasco, a 600-ton vessel, on which he transported to the City of Buffalo his first cargo. Later he was a sailing executive in the employ of Mr. Axworthy, a prominent Cleveland vessel owner, and in 1896 he became master of a 1,200-ton ore vessel operated by the Republic Iron Company. This position he retained, with marked success, until 1890, when he resigned his command to become associated with others in forming a corporation that built the steamer Elphewick, 3,000 tons, of the construction of which he was superintendent and manager, besides being one of the chief stockholders of the company. The vessel was placed in commission in the transportation of coal and ore, and a most prosperous business was developed, with Captain Montague in command of the boat, the stockholders realizing good returns from their investments. Captain Montague continued as master and superintendent of this vessel until 1893, when he was prevailed upon to supervise the construction of a modern steel vessel, the Arthur Orr, of which he was made master. After operating this vessel two years he had charge of the building of a larger vessel of the same type, the George Enorr, and after having been its captain for two years after it was placed in commission, he directed the construction of a still larger steel vessel, the "William L. Brown," 6,000 tons, which he commanded two years, in the transportation of ore and general lines of freight. In 1896 Captain Montague associated himself with the Carnegie Steel Company, for which he built and assumed command of the steel steamer "Cornell," 7,000 tons, which he operated four years. During the following two he lived a disquieted and unsatisfactory existence as a landsman, and he has stated that his

feelings were about those that harass a "fish out of water," and with all of verve and enthusiasm he then returned to his loved vocation, by associating himself with the Great Lakes Steamship Company, which operated at the time twenty-one vessels. He was assigned to the post of master of the "Harry Colby," the largest vessel of the company's fine fleet, and of this excellent craft, with a capacity of 12,000 tons, he has since continued in successful command, with unalloyed satisfaction to himself and to the best interests of the company. Each successive season that he has commanded this vessel he has won with the same a "bonus" of a few hundred dollars, an honorarium offered by the operating company, and in the navigation season of 1914 he made a specially admirable record in the avoidance of all accidents, losses and minor contingencies that are usually encountered. The captain is widely known in marine circles on the Great Lakes system, and his genial nature, his ability and sterling attributes of character have won him troops of loyal friends.

Captain Montague has never wavered in his allegiance to the cause of the republican party and he has given effective service in its ranks. He was at one time made the party nominee for representative of Erie County in the State Legislature, but his official duties on the lakes made it impossible for him to conduct an adequate canvass and campaign in his district, notwithstanding which fact his defeat was compassed by the small majority of twenty-nine votes. The captain is an appreciative member of the time-honored Masonic fraternity, in which his ancient craft affiliation is with Marks Lodge, No. 359, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in Huron. In the City of Sandusky he is affiliated with Erie Commandery, Knights Templars, and in the City of Cleveland he holds membership in Al Koran Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The captain and his family are communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and he has been one of the prominent and influential members of the Huron Parish of historic old Christ Church, in which he is now serving as junior warden of the vestry.

At Huron was solemnized the marriage of Captain Montague to Miss Sarah Newton, who was born and reared on the old homestead farm of her parents, in Huron Township, and who now owns this property, the old home being endeared to her by the hallowed memories and associations of the past. Mrs. Montague was graduated in Oberlin College, and is a gracious and popular gentlewoman of distinctive culture,—a leader in the representative social activities of her home community. She is a daughter of the late Isaac Newton, who was one of the sterling pioneers of Erie County. The mother of Mrs. Montague was born and reared in England, and after the death of her first husband, whose name was Rielett, she came with her two children to the United States and established her home in Erie County, where she met and finally became the wife of Isaac Newton, Mrs. Montague being the only child of this union and her father having died when she was a mere child, her mother continued to reside on the fine old homestead farm until her death, in 1889. Captain and Mrs. Montague became the parents of two children. Newton Bruce Montague was but fifteen years of age at the time of his death, and was attending the Kenyon Military Academy, at Gambier, Ohio, at the time of his untimely demise. Miss Edith Montague acquired her education in the Gambier Episcopal College for young women and in St. Mary's Academy, in the State of Illinois. She remains at the parental home and is one of the most popular young ladies in the social circles of Huron.

Gust Ebert. A business that well deserves some particular mention is the wholesale butcher plant of Gust Ebert, in Perkins Township, located on Perkins Avenue. Mr. Ebert is a native of Erie County, a young man whose experience since leaving school has been in his present trade and since locating on Perkins Avenue in May, 1913, he has built up a most successful enterprise, which is combined with considerable farming.

Gust Ebert was born in Oxford Township, Erie County, on November 17, 1886, a son of Louis and Catherine (Herble) Ebert. His parents are still living in Oxford Township, and were born in Germany, and came to Erie County many years ago. Louis Ebert owns a good farm of fifty-three acres in Oxford Township, but for years has been identified with the wholesale butcher business.

Gust Ebert grew up on the old place in Oxford Township, acquired his education in the local schools there, and early began learning the trade of his father. In 1909 he started in business for himself, and now enjoys a reputation as a rising young business factor in Erie County.

On July 2, 1908, he married Miss Catherine Klotz of Sandusky, a daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Klotz. By their marriage they have one son, Neill, born November 13, 1911. In politics Mr. Ebert is an independent and devotes all his time and energy to his growing business.

Robert Sickinger. Certainly few citizens of Erie County have had a more varied and eventful life than Robert Sickinger of Milan. Born in Germany, brought when a child to this country, serving in the Union army during the Civil war, afterwards in the regular army fighting the Indians of the Far West, spending several years on the western plains as a hunter, with a variety of business experience and much to his credit as a farmer and fruit grower in Erie County, he is now living and enjoying a well deserved leisure and retirement in one of the best homes at Milan.

Born at Hambourg, Baden, Germany, December 25, 1846, he is a son of Edgar Sickinger, who was also born in Baden, and of an old Catholic family. The family have been members of the Catholic Church for several generations. The mother of Robert Sickinger died in Baden when the latter was only four years of age. Of her children Louise was the first to come to America. She came over with a kinsman, located in Milan, and married Louis Link. Both are now deceased, and they left Charles, Louise and Fannie, and both the daughters are now married and have children of their own. Pauline and her sister Adeline came as young women to the United States about 1850, also located and were married in Milan. Pauline became the wife of Christian Dorr and they lived and spent the rest of their lives in Erie County, and were survived by sons and daughters. Adeline married Anson Streck of Milan, who died there in 1906, while she is still living at Milan. Mr. Streck was for nearly half a century engaged in the retail meat business at Milan and was a highly respected citizen. Besides his widow he was survived by two sons and two daughters.

In 1852 Edgar Sickinger and his other two sons, Robert and Reinhart, came to the United States by way of England and New York, spending thirty days on a slow going sailing vessel. From New York they came on West to Cleveland, and reached that city destitute of money. From Cleveland Edgar Sickinger and his two young sons started to walk to their destination, but a sympathetic railroad section hand took them aboard his hand car and carried them into Huron over the tracks of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad. At that time Robert Sickinger was a boy of six or seven years. Edgar Sickinger

Robert Sickinger

Mrs. Robt Sickinger

soon found work on neighboring farms, and spent most of his subsequent years with his son-in-law, Anson Streck, at Milan. He died at the Streck home in 1888. He was then a very old man, having been born in 1801. He and other members of the family were active in the Catholic Church.

Robert Sickinger spent his early life on a farm, and for a man whose early career was hemmed in by such inauspicious circumstances and comparative poverty he has effected a success that is in every way praiseworthy. He was not sixteen years of age when the Civil war broke out, but in the heat of that conflict both he and his brother Reinhart enlisted as privates. Reinhart went out with an Erie County company in the Fifty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served faithfully until disabled by a gunshot wound at Chancellorsville. On account of that wound he was given an honorable discharge, but later re-enlisted and was a member of General Hancock's Invalid Corps and remained with that organization until the close of the war. After returning home he wandered out to the West, and finally died from dysentery contracted during his army service at St. Louis. He was unmarried.

It was in August, 1863, that Robert Sickinger, not yet seventeen years of age, enlisted in the Ninth Ohio Cavalry. He went out with Company E, and was soon with his command in the splendid cavalry brigade of General Kilpatrick. He took part in those great campaigns which broke the back of the Confederacy, beginning at Chattanooga and ending with the capture of Atlanta, fought at Decatur, Alabama, and in many other battles and skirmishes, and remained with the Union armies until the close of the war and until he received his honorable discharge at Concord, North Carolina. He was mustered out at Camp Chase in Columbus, and though he was in the army almost three years he escaped without injury. Not long after returning to Erie County, being still unsatisfied of military life, he decided to join the regular army, and went into the Thirteenth Regiment under Gen. N. G. Whistler. This regiment was subsequently reorganized as the Thirty-first Infantry, and he remained the full period of three years, being finally discharged at Fort Stephenson, now the City of Bismarck, North Dakota.

With all this varied experience Robert Sickinger returned to Erie County and for a time worked in the butcher trade under his brother-in-law, Mr. Streck. But the call of the West was still strong upon him, and in about a year he went to Kansas and Nebraska and was employed on the Star routes of the postal service. Three years later he took part in the final onslaughts which practically destroyed the great buffalo herds of the West. The climax of buffalo hunting come during the late '70s, and in two or three years, so vigorously was the industry prosecuted, the buffaloes had practically disappeared from the western plains. Mr. Sickinger did his hunting in the Dakotas, and shot hundreds of the noble animals, and has seen many thousands of their carcasses littering the prairies. The buffaloes were killed for their hides, which found a good market, and the industry gave occupation to thousands of venturesome men as long as it lasted.

Once more back in Erie County Mr. Sickinger took up merchandising, and for ten years conducted one of the successful establishments at Milan. He then bought 120 acres in North Milan, and converted it into a fruit and berry farm, and still later made general farming his chief resource, raising grain and stock. Altogether he lived on the farm and conducted its operations for twenty-four years. Then, having acquired an ample competence, he retired from the cares and responsibilities which he had borne for so many years, and bought a fine thirteen-room house on Center Street in Milan. There he and his wife

now enjoy all the comforts of life, and were among the most highly honored and respected people of Erie County.

Mr. Sickinger married his first wife in Milan, Miss Anna Beers. She was born at Milan, and died in 1887, ten years after her marriage. She left no children, and was thirty years old when she died. Mr. Sickinger was married in 1888 at Fremont, Ohio, to Mrs. Louise Fries, whose maiden name was Newberger. Her first husband, Joseph Fries, was born in Erie County and died near Milan just ten weeks after they were married at the age of twenty-one years six months. Mrs. Sickinger was born in Jackson Township of Sandusky County, Ohio, April 1, 1857. She was the only one of the six children in her parents' family born in that township. Her parents were John and Mary (Fries) Newberger, who were natives of Germany and had come to this country when young people and were married in New York State. Mr. Newberger was a cabinet maker by trade. After the birth of their first child, Joseph, the Newberger family came to a piece of wooded land in Sandusky County, and after clearing off a site erected a cabin of logs and began improvement which eventually converted the land into a handsome farm. Mrs. Sickinger's parents lived in Sandusky County the rest of their lives, and her father died there in 1895 at the age of sixty-five, and her mother in 1911 at the age of ninety-four. The Newbergers were also Catholic people.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sickinger were born three sons. Robert E. is now well known in Milan Township as postmaster at Milan. He was reared in this county, received his education in the high school, and is now twenty-seven years of age, and unmarried. Herman B., aged twenty-five, was educated in Milan and in a business college at Sandusky, and already has an established position in business at Milan. He married Miss Madeline Doan. Clifford P., aged twenty, graduated from the Milan High School and the Sandusky Business College, and is now a clerk with the Lockwood, Smith & Company in their store at Milan. Mrs. Sickinger is a member of the Catholic Church at Milan. Mr. Sickinger served three years as township trustee, and has always enjoyed influential position in democratic politics and in civic affairs. He is an active member and has served as quartermaster of the local Grand Army Post.

Henry Diehl. Many of the best farms in Erie County illustrate the thrift, businesslike management and industry of people of German ancestry and birth. One of the most noteworthy of these is the home of Henry Diehl in Milan Township, situated on Rural Route No. 1 out of the Village of Milan. Mr. Diehl and his mother jointly own a splendid farm, and they represent the typical thrift and progressiveness of German agriculturists. This is a fine old German family, and Mrs. Diehl, the mother, came of stock that was connected with the royalty in the fatherland.

For upwards of fifty years the name of Diehl has been identified with Erie County. Henry Diehl was born in Berlin Township November 15, 1863, but has lived in Milan Township since he was three years old. His parents were Philip and Marie (Goodlach) Diehl. Mrs. Diehl was born in Hesse Kassel, Germany, while her husband was a native of Rhenish Bavaria. When he was twenty-four years of age he set out alone to find his fortune in the New World. For forty-eight days he lived on a sailing vessel that slowly made its way across the Atlantic, and from New York came on by boat as far as Cleveland, and thence by railroad to Sandusky. Four years later he met and married Miss Goodlach, who had come to this part of Northern Ohio a number of years before as a young woman, with her parents, Henry

and Anna Goodlach. The Goodlach family located in Berlin Township, where Henry died at the age of sixty-three and his wife at seventy-two. They were both born in Hesse Kassel, Germany, and were loyal members of the Lutheran Church. Philip Diehl after his marriage began life as a renter on farms in Berlin Township, but after three years thus employed he moved to Milan Township, bought 79¾ acres, to which he devoted his energies and management until his death on July 2, 1892. Philip Diehl was a good citizen, a good man, faithful to his obligations to family, church and society, and enjoyed the love and respect of all who knew him. He was reared in the faith of the Catholic Church, and died in that same faith. Politically he was a democrat.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Diehl has continued to live at the old homestead, and her declining years are sustained and comforted by the presence of her son Henry and her daughter Elizabeth, both of whom are unmarried. Mrs. Diehl owns seventy-five acres included in the old homestead, also two farms, of seventy-nine and forty-seven acres that lie not far distant from the present home, and just across the road her son Henry has a fine farm of seventy-one acres. This place is located three miles north of the Village of Milan. Altogether the farm is known as the Lone Star Farm. In general improvement it bears favorable comparison with any of the best farms in Milan Township. A conspicuous feature on the place is the large red barn, on a foundation 30 by 46 feet, conspicuously displayed on one of the gable ends is painted a large white star, from which designation the farm receives its name. The family occupy a substantial modern home of nine rooms, and they are people who get a great deal out of life, enjoy home comforts, and move in the best social circles. As a farmer Henry Diehl carries on his industry on mixed principles, growing crops of oats, corn, wheat, and keeping some good grades of livestock, including six good horses, five or six head of cattle and from eighteen to twenty hogs.

Henry Diehl as was also true of the other children, received a good education in Erie County. His married brother Philip also lives on the old homestead, while another sister Helen is the wife of John Fischer, of Milan Township, and the mother of two sons, William and Walter. All the family are members and attendants of the Catholic Church, and Henry Diehl and his brother are democrats. Henry has been the recipient of several honors in local offices in his township.

William Rosekelly. By reason of the extensive holdings and the interests as an agriculturist and by his long standing as a citizen, William Rosekelly deserves first mention among the citizens of Milan Township. He represents a family that during more than sixty years of residence in this part of Ohio has worked out a commendable destiny from beginnings in comparative poverty. Mr. Rosekelly himself has now reached a point in his career where he well could afford to withdraw from the heavier responsibilities and burdens of affairs and enjoy a well earned leisure. He is one of the largest landholders in Milan Township and has done much to raise the general average of the farming and stock raising industry in his section of Erie County.

His birth occurred at the Village of Huron, Ohio, January 15, 1851. His parents were Edward and Mary (Jeffrey) Rosekelly. They were both natives of Cornwall, England, and for several generations both branches had lived in that part of England and were substantial agriculturists. The Jeffreys were especially well to do people, and grandfather George Jeffrey at one time owned a considerable estate, but for some cause lost most of his property and in order to recoup his fortunes

set out for the United States, being accompanied by his wife and his married son. It was about 1840 that they arrived in Erie County and there he and his wife spent the rest of their days, passing away in Berlin Township. They were both members of the English Church, and they and their descendants were valuable additions to local citizenship.

Edward Rosekelly grew up in his part of England, and after his marriage to Mary Jeffrey and after the birth of their first child Elizabeth, set out for the United States on a sailing vessel from Liverpool. Six weeks later they landed in New York City, and thence came to Huron County, Ohio. Other members of the family came about the same time, some of them locating in Berlin Township on farms. Edward Rosekelly was at that time in very humble circumstances, and located at Huron Village in order to find immediate employment to meet the needs of his household. While living in Huron there were born to himself and wife the following children, named Edward, Mary, John, William and George. They were all born in or about Huron. Edward Rosekelly lived as a renter on different farms for some years, but finally bought a place on the River road between Huron and Milan in Huron Township. There the parents spent their remaining days and the old homestead is still occupied by their bachelor son John. The father died March 5, 1880, at the age of sixty-five, and the mother passed away in December, 1890, when about seventy years old. They were for a number of years members of the Episcopal Church in Huron. Of their children the son Edward, Jr., was accidentally killed by a falling tree which he was engaged in cutting down on January 19, 1887, being then a single man. George also lost his life by a lamentable accident at Huron, September 2, 1904. A coal car standing on an incline became unbraked and starting down unexpectedly struck him and killed him instantly. He left a wife and four children, and his widow died soon afterwards, on March 22, 1906. The daughter Elizabeth, the oldest of the children, died March 5, 1878, leaving six children.

In and about the Village of Huron and on his father's farm William Rosekelly grew to manhood, and his early experiences were characterized by much self-supporting toil in addition to the advantages he received from local schools. In 1877 he married Augusta Evertson. She was born in 1858 in Huron Village, and died at her home in Milan Township, December 23, 1879. Her parents were Nicholas and Ann (Nichols) Evertson, who were early settlers in Erie County. Her father died before Mrs. Rosekelly was born, and her mother lived to 1914, being then past fourscore years. By this marriage Mr. Rosekelly became the father of two children. Grace M., born April 10, 1878, is now the wife of A. W. Paul, who lives on one of Mr. Rosekelly's farms in Milan Township. Arthur W., born September 7, 1879, owns and occupies a farm adjoining the estate of his father, and by his marriage to Maude Harmon has a son Gerald H., born March 31, 1906.

On December 8, 1886, Mr. Rosekelly married for his present wife Miss Sarah Hathaway. She was born on the farm where she now lives and where she has spent all her life, and represents an early family in this part of Ohio of old and substantial American stock. She was born January 18, 1852, and was liberally educated. Her parents were Peter A. and Betsey (Stevens) Hathaway, both also natives of Ohio. Her father was born in Oxford Township of Erie County August 2, 1824, and died February 18, 1880. His life was spent as a farmer, and for a great many years he owned the farm now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Rosekelly, where he constructed a substantial home that is still standing and doing service. Peter Hathaway was a son of Caleb and Rachel (Wood) Hathaway. This Caleb was a son of Capt. Caleb

Hathaway, who was born on the Atlantic Coast in 1761 and died in Milan Township of Erie County in 1834. Captain Caleb for a number of years sailed the Atlantic ocean as captain of a vessel, and at one time was quite wealthy, but suffered severe reverses and started anew in the western wilderness of Erie County. Captain Caleb was married January 1, 1792, to Mrs. Mary (Wire) Maxfield, who died in 1807, at the age of forty. Their son Caleb was born November 7, 1797. Both Captain Caleb and his son Caleb spent their last years on the old homestead which is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rosekelly. Rachel Wood, who became the wife of Caleb Hathaway, was born in New York State December 2, 1805, and died December 22, 1893, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband in Milan Village. In the earlier generations the Hathaways were of the orthodox Quaker stock, and the male members of the family voted regularly with the whigs and later with the republicans.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Rosekelly moved to their present farm, and he has used his resources most intelligently and in the course of years has accumulated nearly 500 acres of some of the finest land in Milan Township and in Erie County. As a farmer he has never been wasteful in his methods, and for many years has produced perhaps as large a volume of crops as any other agriculturist in his section of the state. His extensive land holdings are improved with five complete sets of farm buildings. His fields produce the staple crops of corn, wheat, oats and potatoes, and each farm is well stocked with high grade animals. For a number of years Mr. Rosekelly carried on an extensive business in the feeding of live stock, and much of his prosperity came from this source.

To their marriage was born only one son, Rowland, born April 3, 1888, and who died at the age of sixteen while a student in the Sandusky High School. Mr. and Mrs. Rosekelly are members of the Milan Presbyterian Church, in which he has served as an elder and trustee for a number of years. In politics he is a republican, and his son is similarly disposed in his political faith.

Rev. George J. Bartlett. In Rev. George J. Bartlett is found one of the most wholesome and human of philosophers and most courageous religious teachers that Erie County has known. Since 1880 he has been in charge of the meetings of the Society of Friends at Page's Corners, also for fourteen years during this time was in charge of the meetings at Berlinville and the first two years had the charge at Comptown, and the fragrance of his faith, his zeal, energy and devotion, unite in the making of a career of more than average purpose and usefulness.

Reverend Bartlett was born at Greenwich, Ohio, January 3, 1842, and is a son of James and Phoebe A. (Barnes) Bartlett, the former born at Tuckerton, New Jersey, and the latter in New York City. The parents were married at Tuckerton, where Mrs. Bartlett had been a teacher, and in May, 1839, after the birth of two daughters, came to Ohio, by way of the Hudson River and the Erie Canal, Buffalo and Lake Erie to Huron, and thence by teams through Erie County to Huron County, locating at Greenwich. They were members of the Society of Friends and found a church of their faith there, and were soon established in a small log cabin home. The church at that point had been founded by Quakers who had gone before, and was located in a large log meeting-house, and Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett soon became active in the work of the denomination. They also engaged in agricultural pursuits, on a farm of 109 acres, of which only a small part had been cleared of timber, and the remaining years of their lives were passed in the development and cultivation of this property. They con-

tinued to work devotedly in the church, in which both were deacons, and were thus connected when they died, the father passing away March 3, 1886, aged seventy-seven years, and the mother in 1884, when seventy-five years of age.

George J. Bartlett was brought up as a Quaker and was educated in the schools of Greenwich, being engaged in agricultural work and preaching in Huron County until 1880. In that year he came to Milan Township, Erie County, to build up the congregations at Pages Corners and Berlinville, both of which had been founded by his parents. Here he found only twenty-two members at one place and twenty-three at the other, but during the time he has labored here he has increased the congregations many times over, and with the exception of 2½ years in charge at Comptown, has devoted his entire time and labors to his flocks at these places.

Rev. Mr. Bartlett was married to Miss Clara Kellogg, who was born in Fairfield Township, Huron County, Ohio, October 22, 1849. She was there reared and educated and after her marriage became a member of the Society of Friends, in the faith of which she died May 16, 1886. Reverend Bartlett was again married when united with Miss Mary Anna Rosekelley, who was born at Huron, Erie County, Ohio, August 20, 1846, reared and educated there, a daughter of Edward and Mary (Jeffrey) Rosekelley, natives of England and members of the English Church. They were married in their native land, and when their first child, Elizabeth, was four months old, in June, 1842, they emigrated to America in a sailing vessel, arriving at Montreal, Canada, after a long voyage and then making their way to Buffalo, New York, and on to Huron, where were born their other five children: Edward, Mary Anna, John, William and George. Of these, Mrs. Bartlett, John and William are still living.

After their marriage, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett settled on Mrs. Bartlett's farm of eighty-eight acres, which she had purchased in 1888. Rev. Mr. Bartlett had bought a small place adjoining, on which he had erected a fine eight-room home and good farm buildings, which are still kept in the best of condition. On Mrs. Bartlett's farm there are a large house and barn, erected by the former owner, Peter Hathaway, an early settler of Milan Township. The crops from these properties include corn, wheat, oats, potatoes and fruit, and Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett have local reputations as skilled agriculturists. They have an important place in the life of the community, and particularly in regard to its spiritual welfare, Mrs. Bartlett being a member and elder of the Friends Church. Both have been active workers in the cause of prohibition, and have been stanch supporters of all movements making for advancement in morality, education and good citizenship.

George M. Sands. After many years spent in tilling the soil of Milan Township, George M. Sands is now living in comfortable retirement at his attractive cottage home, located on the Abbott Road, in Milan Township. While not born here, Mr. Sands was brought to this township as a child of three years, and his entire career has been passed within its borders. He has contributed in various ways to the advancement and development of his community, and bears the good will and esteem of his fellow men, among whom he has lived a life of integrity, honesty and probity.

Mr. Sands was born at Loughlin Corners, in Berlin Township, Erie County, Ohio, May 29, 1852, and is a son of William and Alvina (Sales) Sands. William Sands was born at Erie, Pennsylvania, where his father died, and following that event his widowed mother, Nancy (Loughlin) Sands, brought her children to Erie County, Ohio, settling

in the little colony at Loughlin Corners. After some years there she came to Milan Township, and here her death occurred when she was eighty-six years old, some time during the late '80s. She had three children: William; George L., who married and left three children at his death; and Julia, who married John Wetmore, and died when about fifty years of age, leaving two sons and two daughters.

William Sands was educated in the district schools and brought up to agricultural pursuits, in which he was engaged throughout his life. He was married in Berlin Township, and in 1855 came to Milan Township, where he was living at the outbreak of the war between the North and the South. When the call came for 100-day men, in 1861, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-fifth Regiment, Ohio National Guard, in which he served 128 days, although he was never called upon to do service outside of the state. His military service completed, he returned to the peaceful pursuits of agriculture, and through thrift, industry, energy and good management accumulated and put under cultivation a fine and valuable farm of 146 acres. In the operation of his property Mr. Sands displayed the possession of skill as a farmer, reaping rich returns from his labors, and in the evening of life was able to retire from active pursuits, and with his wife went to Milan, where Mrs. Sands passed away in 1904, at the age of seventy years, the father surviving until January 15, 1909, and being seventy-nine years of age at the time of his demise. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sands were highly esteemed in the community where they had lived so long, their many excellencies of heart and mind endearing them to a wide circle of friends. As neighbors they were kind and sympathetic, always ready to generously assist those less fortunate than they, and in their daily life lived their religion. In their deaths the community lost two of the kind of people whose activities and influence have served to build up and develop this part of the state. They were the parents of two sons: George M., of this review; and James, a successful farmer of Milan Township, who married Lavina Jenkins, daughter of James Jenkins, and has two children who have been well educated,—Roy, who married Josie Brown, of Columbus, Ohio, and Forest, who resides with her parents.

George M. Sands attended the district schools of Milan Township, devoting himself to his studies during the winter terms and spending his summers in assisting his father and learning the rudiments of farming. Thus, when he arrived at manhood, he was well trained in body and mind, fitted to enter upon a successful career in the realm of agriculture. Becoming half owner of the old homestead, he began to make numerous improvements, these including a fine 12-room house, painted two shades of green, a large barn, 34 by 76 feet, and commodious tool shed, both painted red, and other suitable buildings. To the cultivation and improvement of this property he devoted many years of industry and made it one of the really valuable farms of the township. By recent purchase he also owns 140 acres of highly improved land on the Abbott Road, where he and Mrs. Sands are living quietly, enjoying the fruits of their many years of earnest labor. Here they have an attractive cottage, painted white, with yellow trimming, and furnished tastefully and comfortably, as well as being equipped with every modern convenience. All of the buildings on both farms are substantial and commodious, and form material contributions to the upbuilding of Milan Township.

Mr. Sands was married in 1874 in Milan Township to Miss Mary F. Turner, who was born at Fitchville, Huron County, Ohio, February 4, 1851, the estimable daughter of George and Lydia (Thatcher) Turner, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Sands' parents were

married in Richland County, Ohio, from whence they removed to Huron County, and there resided on a farm near Fitchville. There the father died at the age of forty-nine years. He was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, in which he was a deacon for a number of years, was one of the highly esteemed and influential men of his community, and in his political views was a very decided republican. The mother, who was also a devout member of the Baptist Church, died at the age of eighty-six years. To Mr. and Mrs. Sands there has been born one daughter; Cora, born March 4, 1875, educated in the public schools of Milan, and became an artist on the piano. She devoted her time to her music until her marriage to Clinton R. Balcom, who was born, reared and educated in Milan Township, and now occupies the old home of Mr. Sands and manages the Abbott Road farm, in addition to which he owns a good farm of his own.

Mr. Sands accredits much of his success in life to the assistance of his devoted wife, whose shrewdness, acumen and business ability have frequently helped him overcome stubborn obstacles which have arisen in his path. Mrs. Sands was well educated in her girlhood, attending the graded schools and the Milan High School, and as a young woman was a popular and capable teacher in the public schools. She has been a devoted and faithful helpmeet, and, like her husband, enjoys the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Sands has never been a politician, but has done his full share in aiding his community to better things, and when progressive movements have been brought forward has always lent his influence in their behalf, thus contributing materially to the welfare of the locality in which his long and useful career has been passed.

Gustavus Beck. Although more than a decade of years have passed since the death of Gustavus Beck, numerous evidences of his residence in Erie County are to be found in structures erected by his skill and good workmanship. For many years a carpenter, in the evening of life he adopted agriculture as his vocation, and his death occurred at his home on the Abbott Bridge Road, March 2, 1905.

Mr. Beck was born near Georgetown, District of Columbia, October 19, 1816, a son of George and Rebecca Beck, the former a native of County Kent, England, and the latter of the Highlands of Scotland. They came to this country as young people and were probably married in the District of Columbia, where they resided for a number of years, later going to Baltimore, Maryland, where both died. They were the parents of two daughters and four sons. Three of the sons, Walter, Lemuel and Zebulon, lived in Baltimore, Maryland.

Like his brothers, Gustavus Beck adopted the trade of carpenter in his youth, spending six years and six months as an apprentice and journeyman. After some years in the District of Columbia, he came to Erie County, Ohio, with his friends, John and William Black, all locating in Vermillion Township, from whence young Beck subsequently came to Milan Township. Here he met the young lady who later became his wife, and in Milan Township the remainder of his life was passed. A master of his trade, he was connected with the building of many of the largest structures erected in this part of Erie County during his day, and a number of these still stand as monuments to his mechanical genius and conscientious workmanship. When he finally retired from his trade, he took up farming on his wife's homestead, and there passed away, March 2, 1905, aged eighty-six years. Mr. Beck was a stalwart democrat in his political views. He was not an office seeker, but took an intelligent and active interest in affairs as they affected his community, and was always willing to do his full share in

helping movements for the general public welfare. His fraternal connection was with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Milan, and he was fond of the companionship of his fellows, but his chief pleasure was found in his home. His career was characterized by honorable and straightforward dealing with his fellows and his life record contains no stain or blemish.

Mr. Beck was married in Milan Township, April 19, 1850, to Miss M. Jane Hollister, who was born in Berlin Township, Erie County, Ohio, September 8, 1833, and who has lived in Erie County throughout her life, with the exception of the year 1854-55, when she was a resident of Wisconsin. For fifty-five years she has made her home at her present residence on Abbott Bridge Road, in Milan Township. She is a daughter of Edwin and Caroline (Webb) Hollister, the former born in Connecticut, in 1809. In 1816 he was brought to Erie County, Ohio, by his parents, Jesse and Anna (Horton) Hollister, and the family lived in Berlin Township from that time until Mrs. Beck's grandparents became aged people, when they went to live at the home of their son, Ashley Hollister, in Huron Township, where the grandfather died at the age of eighty-six years and the grandmother when seventy-three years of age. He was a whig in his political views, and Mrs. Hollister was a member of the Baptist Church.

After their marriage, Edwin and Caroline (Webb) Hollister went to live in Berlin Township. There they engaged in agricultural pursuits, and the mother died on the farm July 25, 1893, the father passing away at the Old Soldiers' Home, at Sandusky, Ohio, January 13, 1898. She was a Baptist and he a Universalist in religious belief, and in political matters Mr. Hollister was originally a whig and later a republican. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company C, Fifty-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and participated in several engagements, but after eleven months of fighting was finally taken sick and after a period in the hospital received his honorable discharge because of disability. Of the six sons and six daughters that grew up, seven are yet living. Three other children died young. Mrs. Beck is the eldest; Edward, Jr., married Susan Roscoe, who left three children at her death,—Bert, of Cleveland, who is married and has no children, Minnie the wife of Isaac East of Conneaut, Ohio, has seven children, and Vira the widow of Clay Hickock of Conneaut, has one son; Anna, of Burton Township, married William Bartow, a farmer, who served three years as a member of Company B, One Hundred and First Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, saw much hard fighting, although the greater part of the time a wagonmaster, and died July 9, 1872, as a result of disease contracted in the service, while his widow lives near Greenwich, Ohio, and is the mother of four children,—Frank, deceased, Cora, George and Fannie, all of whom married and had children; Jesse, a resident of Toledo, who is married and has a family; Amelia, the wife of Joseph Roscoe, of Toledo, with a family; Harvey, of Huron, who is married and has a family; and Frances, who is the wife of William Laughlin, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Of this family, Jay, Edwin, Jr., Jesse and Frederick, as well as the father, all were soldiers in the Union Army, and Jay died while in the service. The others now deceased are James, Cecelia and Lenora.

Edwin Hollister, Jr., enlisted May 6, 1861, in Company B, known as the Erie Rangers, of the Third Ohio Cavalry. After several engagements, the company and regiment were veteranized and served until September, 1865. Mr. Hollister was with the forces of General Wilson in the great raid from Gravelly Spring, Tennessee, to Macon, Georgia, in 1865, and on several occasions was wounded, once by a sabre cut on top of the head, once by a musket ball through the right leg, and once

in the chest, where he still carries a bullet as a memento of his brave and faithful service. He receives a pension of one dollar a day. Mr. Hollister is a practical mechanic, and although he was for nine years a tenant of the Soldiers' Home, is now making his home with his sister, Mrs. Beck.

Mrs. Beck has no children. During her long residence in Milan she has been the eye-witness to many changes and developments, and has done her full share in advancing the community. She has many friends in her home community, and is highly respected and esteemed by all who know her.

William McReynolds. One of the commanding constructive figures of Northern Ohio was the late William McReynolds, who died in Milan June 3, 1904. While he lived in Erie County only a short time, his broad and varied operations as a contractor, railroad builder, and in many other constructive enterprises, made him a familiar figure in this and other counties of Northern Ohio. Few men accomplished a more substantial success in a lifetime than the late William McReynolds.

He was born in Ireland St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1830, and was of old Scotch-Irish ancestry. When not yet in his teens he was brought by his parents to the United States on a sailing vessel, and the family located in Cleveland, where the father soon died and the widowed mother was left to take care of her children with very limited means. One of the sons, John, served as a soldier in the Civil war and died from illness while still in the army. The two daughters are also now deceased.

The late William McReynolds gained his education in the schools of Cleveland, and while still a boy showed great ability in practical mathematics, his faculty as a calculator being of great aid to him in his subsequent career as a contractor. He met and overcame many obstacles in his youth, came to know men and hard work on intimate terms, was a natural leader, and after building up a business as a contractor had the good fortune to assemble about him picked men and was nearly always successful in his undertakings. As a contractor his equipment and staff of employes were used in constructing most of Cleveland's pavements for many years. He built the Fairmont reservoir and handled other large constructive undertakings. He had almost a genius at figuring out cost and all the details of a contract and while properly safeguarding himself against failure was known for the efficiency and reliability with which his work was always performed. He contracted for and built the Lake Shore electric street car line from Cleveland to Lorain, and served as president of the company for several years. He was also the pioneer in the commercial pork packing industry at Cleveland, and packed and shipped the first barrel of pork sent out of that city as a regular commercial proposition. While he was identified with the pork packing business he fell into a vat of scalding water and nearly lost his life. So remarkable was his recovery that the physicians attending him at the hospital made a special record of his case. For a number of years Mr. McReynolds was associated with Messrs. Price and Stewart of Norwalk in the manufacture of brick. They had a large plant in Huron County, and Mr. McReynolds invented a new process for paving brick which enjoyed high favor on the market. In later years he retired from active business and bought a large farm in Newbury Township near Burton, twenty-five miles from Cleveland, and lived there until February, 1904, when he came to Milan to his wife's old home on Elm Street, and died there a few months later.

In politics he was a republican, and somewhat active in municipal affairs in Cleveland. Mr. McReynolds also made a record of faithful service as a soldier in the Civil war, and was a much esteemed member

of the Grand Army Post at Cleveland. He was reared in the Episcopal Church, but later joined the Christian denomination after his first marriage.

At Cleveland he married Miss Minerva E. Denton. She was born in Huron County, and died at Cleveland when about sixty years of age. She was an active worker in the Christian Church. She became the mother of five sons and two daughters, the daughters dying as children. The sons were: Rolland F., who is married and lives in Cleveland, where he is in the contracting business; William D., who died in August, 1915, leaving three children; John, an extensive contractor at Cleveland; Edwin, in the plumbing business at Cleveland, and the father of two sons; Bert, a railroad man in Cleveland.

In Milan October 7, 1903, Mr. McReynolds married Miss Jessie M. McKay. She was born in the comfortable old house on Elm Street in Milan which she still owns and occupies and where her husband passed away. Her birth occurred June 1, 1861, and she grew up in this locality, attended the high school and normal, and also a private school, and at the age of sixteen did her first work as a teacher. For twenty-five years she was one of the most popular and capable educators in this section of Ohio. She comes of the old McKay clan of Scotland. Some of the McKays came across the ocean to America during the reign of Queen Anne and acquired the entire section of the Province of New York, now Ulster County. Through another branch Mrs. McReynolds is descended from the Van Rensselaers of the pioneer Holland Dutch stock of New York. Mrs. McReynolds' grandfather was David McKay, who grew up in his native state and married Miss Margaret Hadley, also of that state. In later years they came to Ohio, and spent the close of their lives in Milan, where David died in 1849 when past eighty years of age, and his wife some twenty years later at the age of ninety-three. David McKay served as justice of the peace in New York State, was a farmer by occupation, and was always active in local affairs. John McKay, father of David, owned a large estate in New York and gave each of his children a farm. The son David was a college educated man, though his advantages were not quite so liberal as those of many of the other children. David McKay and wife had five children, two sons and three daughters. Of these, William L. McKay, the father of Mrs. McReynolds, was reared in New York State and married there Miss Mary Forest Dunlop. She was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and when six years of age was brought to America by her parents, who died in New York State. She grew up there and was reared in the home of Rev. James Williams of Orange, New Jersey. From 1850 until their death William McKay and wife lived in Milan and at the old home on Elm Street which they built and in which Mrs. McReynolds now lives. William McKay died there in July, 1901, and his widow on February 6, 1907. Both were members of the Episcopal Church. In the McKay family were the following children: William J. died when six months old; George H., who was born in Bellevue, Ohio, October 6, 1849, was only six months of age when his parents removed to Milan, and he has lived in that village ever since, having never married. He makes his home with his sister Mrs. McReynolds. Early in life he learned the trade of carpenter and painter, later for nearly forty years had a somewhat extended reputation as a bee keeper, and afterwards bought a farm in Huron County near Norwalk. He is a man of many positive virtues, and one of the leaders in the temperance movement in Northern Ohio. He has himself never chewed or smoked tobacco, has never taken intoxicating liquors, and is never known to have used an oath in his life. He is also an inventor of some note, and owns a patent on a harrow and has also perfected a sun's rays generator. In politics he

takes broad socialistic views. The next in the McKay family is Margaret J., wife of Willis M. Driver, a carpenter of Milan, and their children are Forest H., Thomas W., Leo M. and Hazel D. Agnes E. is the wife of Bert Root, a farmer in Oxford Township of Erie County, and they lost both their children, a son and a daughter. Lenora M., who was loved as the flower of the family, died when only fourteen years of age.

Mrs. McReynolds has for many years been one of the social leaders in the Milan community. She is a member of the Episcopal Church and one of the charter members and vice president of the Fortnightly Travelers Club and of other organizations. She is a former president and is now vice president of the local W. C. T. U. and also belongs to the Milan Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

Madison Mixter. It was some of the fine old Dutch stock that was so valuable as a factor in clearing up and developing the commonwealth of New York State that was introduced into the rural communities of Erie County in the early days by the Mixter family. Mr. Madison Mixter, whose home is now in the Village of Milan, has spent his active career largely as a farmer in this county, and has developed possessions which indicate fully his vigor as a business man, and he has also enjoyed enviable and honorable relations with community affairs.

Going back several generations, his great-grandfather was Daniel Mixter, who was born either in Massachusetts or Connecticut in 1775. The first name of his wife was Esther, and she was born in 1765. They were married in New England, and spent all their lives there where Daniel died October 29, 1841, and his wife on December 20, 1850. They were farmers, thrifty and strong, and worthy to be the heads of a long family line.

Next in line comes George Mixter, who was born January 7, 1795, and died June 8, 1878. He married Chloe Calkins on May 22, 1820, and after their marriage they settled on a farm in New England, and spent the rest of his life there. Late in life he became a minister of the Liberal Baptist Church. His wife, who was born November 10, 1800, and died in January, 1895, was the daughter of David and Chloe Calkins, who were New England farmers. Rev. George Mixter and wife had the following children: George Gilbert, born February 10, 1821; Emerson, born May 17, 1823; Lovisa, born April 29, 1826; Addison, and Madison, twins, born July 12, 1829.

Madison Mixter, Sr., who was born on a farm close to the line between Massachusetts and Connecticut, learned the trade of shoemaker under his brother Emerson, and subsequently became a skilled maker of custom shoes and boots, and had a shop near Sandusky for many years. About the time he was of age Addison Mixter came from the East and made settlement in Perkins Township of Erie County, and his wife came to Erie County with her parents previous to that time, when she was six years of age. After their marriage they moved to Iowa, lived two or three years in that part of the then Far West, but returned to Perkins Township and not long afterward Addison Mixter took up farming as his regular vocation. In March, 1864, he moved to Milan Township, establishing his home on a farm on the east side of the Huron River two miles north of the Village of Milan. That was his home until his death on August 27, 1890. His wife, who before her marriage was Miss Jane Wolverton, was born in 1828, and died March 27, 1907. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he served as an elder, and he was a very ardent republican. Many years he served as township assessor of real estate and personal property. The children of Addison Mixter and wife were: A. Lindolph, born September 10, 1852, and died February 18, 1853; Charles W., born

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April 5, 1854, now living in California, has three children, Breta L., Josephine C. and Susan Lovisa all of whom are married. George, Jr., was born June 21, 1857, and died December 10, 1859. Emerson, born March 1, 1860, lives in San Diego, California, and has a son Arthur M., also married. Lovisa, born May 21, 1862, died December 4, 1897. Madison was next in age. Samuel G., born December 27, 1866, died November 5, 1893, leaving one son, now deceased. Chloe C., born April 25, 1870, died May 9, 1893, after her marriage to Clayton W. Graham.

Mr. Madison Mixter was born June 5, 1864, at the old homestead, on the Huron River near Milan Village. That was the locality which furnished him the associations for his childhood and youth, and from the country schools he continued his education in the Milan Normal. In the house where he was born he spent forty-seven years and in that time developed many interests as a farmer and came to enjoy the confidence and respect of a large community. On leaving his country home he moved to a beautiful estate close to Milan Village, comprising 17½ acres of ground, and with a substantial eight-room house. He carries on farming on the intensive plan though with limited acreage, and he still owns the old homestead of eighty acres, which he has improved with a set of solid farm buildings, including a big bank barn on a foundation 34 by 66 feet. This farm has some of the best improvements found on any place in Erie County, while the house is one of the oldest in this section of Erie County, but still doing good service. Running water is supplied throughout the barn and the feed lots and also to the house.

On December 17, 1890, Mr. Mixter was married in Milan Township to Miss Nellie E. Cummins. She was born in Milan August 21, 1865, finished her education in the Normal School, and spent eight years as a successful and popular teacher before her marriage. Her parents were Capt. Enos C. and Harriet A. (Humiston) Cummins. Her father was born at Lorain, Ohio, December 25, 1826, and was of Scotch stock and ancestry. The mother was born at Friendship, New York, February 13, 1829, and was of English lineage. They were married February 22, 1853, in Milan, and spent the rest of their days in Erie County, where the mother died in the home of her daughter Mrs. Mixter in Milan, February 5, 1910. Capt. Enos Cummins was best known as a sailor, having gained his first experience on a lake vessel when a boy, and following the Great Lakes in almost every capacity up to captain, for a great many years. He was master of different vessels for over twenty years, and while in command of the Fannie Jones he went down with his boat in a storm just outside the breakwater at Cleveland, Ohio. His death occurred August 12, 1890. He was one of the best known of the old time lake captains, and had friends all around the Great Lakes. In politics he was a republican, and his wife was a member of the Presbyterian Church, which he also attended.

Three sons comprise the household circle of Mr. and Mrs. Mixter. George Addison, born September 20, 1891, was well educated in the public schools and is now living at Philadelphia; he married Sarah M. Neeley, and they have a son George A., Jr., born May 21, 1915. Fred Cummins, the second son, was born October 20, 1893. He was educated for the electrical engineering profession by courses in the Scranton School of Correspondence, from which he holds a diploma, was also graduated from the Milan High School and is now following his vocation as electrician in Cleveland; he married September 6, 1915, Caroline J. Weinbrenner. Madison Clark, the youngest son, was born October 23, 1897, finished the course of the Milan High School in 1915, and is now a capable assistant to his father on the home farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Mixter and their sons are all members of the Presbyterian Church, and at Milan he has served as an elder for the past twenty-five years. Fraternally he is now serving as master of Erie Lodge No. 239, F. & A. M., at Milan, and also belongs to Milan Chapter No. 135, R. A. M., and the Council No. 24, R. & S. M. of Norwalk. Both he and his wife are identified with the Eastern Star and he is patron of Edison Chapter No. 112 at Milan, and for the past six years Mrs. Mixter has been secretary of the chapter. Their interests as farmers have naturally brought them into close membership with the Patrons of Husbandry, and for years they have been identified with Milan Grange No. 342, P. of H., in which Mr. Mixter was master five years and he is now master of the County Pomona Grange, having been first elected to that conspicuous honor in 1911. In politics he is a republican. There are few names in Erie County that have so much real significance in agricultural affairs as that of Madison Mixter.

Richard Rawle. The career of Richard Rawle of Milan constitutes a steadily progressive success since early boyhood. He worked at a mechanic's trade and in ship building for many years, but eventually took up a new profession and occupation with the pioneer undertaker and embalmer at Milan, and now conducts the best known service in that line in Milan Township. He also carries a large stock of other goods, including wall paper and takes contracts for house decorating and picture framing. For the past twenty-three years he has been an embalmer, having graduated from the Clark School of Embalming at Cleveland in 1892. When the state law went into effect requiring licenses for embalmers, he secured such a state license in 1902.

The undertaking house of Mr. Rawle at Milan was established more than thirty-five years ago by Henry L. Wilson. Mr. Rawle became apprenticed to Mr. Wilson in 1883 and after learning the business was taken into partnership. The two were together until 1899, at which time Mr. Rawle bought Mr. Wilson's interest and has since been sole proprietor. He has all the equipment and facilities necessary for his work, including a motor ambulance and a motor touring car.

By birth Richard Rawle is a native of Cornwall, England. He was born at Newquay, a popular summer resort in the southwestern part of England, and his birthday was August 5, 1856. His ancestors for several generations had been Cornishmen. His father, Robert Rawle, was born in Land's End, England, and spent most of his active career as a lead miner in the mines of Cornwall. He died there in 1898 at the age of seventy. He married a native Cornwall girl, Mary Ann Geary, who is still living in Cornwall, hale and vigorous, though in May, 1915, she celebrated her eighty-third birthday. She comes of a very old and hardy stock, and her grandfather was 101 years of age when he died, and had planted his garden only a few months before his death. There is an old painting of this venerable gentleman which shows rugged lines of character as well as physique. The family in England were members of the Congregational Church. Richard Rawle was next to the oldest in a family of eight children, the names of whom were: Richard, William, Thomas, Henry, Lewis, Bessie, Mary and Anna. All grew to maturity, but Bessie died at the age of twenty-one and Thomas is also deceased. The others are living, and all married except Anna, who lives at home with her mother. Thomas at his death left a widow and children, and had spent two years in America. Richard Rawle and his nephew William are now the only ones in America.

At the old home in Southwestern England Richard Rawle spent his childhood and gained some education in the local schools. At the age of fourteen he took up the ship carpenter's trade, and in 1879, at the

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age of twenty-three arrived in the United States. He spent some time at Warren, Pennsylvania, was in the ship yards at Chautauqua Lake, New York, in the Ratcliff yards at Cleveland, and in 1881 came to Milan and spent a year with the Fries ship yards. He was there when the Golden Age was being built and later helped to construct the tug Shepherd at Huron. He also did work in his trade at Vermilion, and then returned to Milan and started learning an entirely new profession under Mr. Wilson, the pioneer undertaker.

Mr. Rawle was first married at Milan to Adelia Spratt, of a well known old family in Milan Township. She died nine years after her marriage, and had lost a daughter, Eva M., and was survived by one son, Robert, who now lives at Norwalk and is married and has a son, Harold. For his second wife Mr. Rawle was married, also in Milan, to Rena Stickradt. She was born in Milan, and educated in the local schools. Her death occurred in 1905, when thirty years of age. For his third wife Mr. Rawle married Miss Elizabeth Mefford. She was born in this section of Northern Ohio thirty-nine years ago and of German parentage. Both her parents are now deceased. She was reared and educated in Erie County and is a confirmed member of the German Evangelical Church. Mr. Rawle is a republican in politics, has always been interested in local affairs, and is well known for his public spirit. He is affiliated with Milan Lodge No. 117 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

George Feick. For half a century much that is substantial and prominent in the City of Sandusky has borne the impress of the individuality of George Feick. Mr. Feick is a contractor and builder whose work finds striking testimony in many familiar structures not only in Erie County but elsewhere. These include some of the notable public and institutional buildings. Many of the qualities of durability and strength which he has introduced into his buildings have been found latent factors in his own character, and accounts for his success.

Coming to the United States at the age of seventeen he has molded his destiny by his own efforts, and honorable purpose. He was born at Steinau, Kreis Dieburg, Hesse Darmstadt, January 23, 1849. He was reared in his native land, was confirmed in the Lutheran Church, and had a common school education. For three years he also served an apprenticeship in the cabinetmaker's trade. With this experience and qualifications he set out in 1866 for the new world, and on July 10th of that year joined his brothers, Philip and Adam, in Sandusky. For several years he was employed by Adam Feick, but in 1872 they formed a copartnership, which endured to their mutual satisfaction and success until the death of Adam Feick in 1893.

While the Feick brothers were associated in partnership they erected many fine buildings, some of which may be mentioned as follows: Tenth Ward School Building; Erie County Jail; a part of the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Home; the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad stations in Sandusky and in Painesville; Talcott Hall for Oberlin College; the State Capitol Building at Cheyenne, Wyoming.

During the last twenty years Mr. George Feick has been in the contracting and building business alone, and during the greater part of the time has had as his capable associate his son, Emil Augustus Feick. In this time the work has gone forward characterized by the same ability and skill as in earlier years. George Feick was the contractor who built the Law Building of the Ohio State University at Columbus; the Edward Gymnasium for the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware; several buildings for Oberlin College, including the Severance Chemical Laboratory; the Warner Gymnasium; the Carnegie College Library and the Phinney Memorial Chapel, the Men's Building, Rice Hall, Keep Cottage,

the Administration Building; and in 1915 he built the handsome new Sandusky High School Building.

Mr. Feick is not only a practical builder, and a man who understands all the technical details of the industry, but possesses a thorough artistic taste and talent, and has employed that not only in his business but in his avocations. Besides his business as a contractor and builder he is a director in the Citizens Banking Company of Sandusky and is president of the Sandusky Telephone Company. His public spirit has led him to accept the post of councilman in Sandusky at different times, and his name and influence are counted upon as strong individual assets in the community. Mr. Feick is a member of the Lutheran Church, is a liberal republican, and has attained thirty-two degrees of the Scottish Rite in Masonry.

His first wife was Miss Augusta Ernestine Klotz, who was born at Dresden, Saxony, January 31, 1852, and died December 24, 1888. She was the mother of five children: Emil Augustus, who was born March 20, 1874, was liberally educated in the public schools at Sandusky and in the Ohio State University, and now for a number of years has been in the contracting and building business with his father. This son married Miss Louise DeLor in 1900, and they became the parents of two children, Richard and Antonette. Clara Sofia, the second child of Mr. Feick, was born May 30, 1877. George, Jr., was born January 28, 1881. Olga Charlotte was born June 20, 1885. She married Edward Younk, and they have two children, George and Mary. Ernestine, born December 7, 1888, married Clarence Handerson. On June 22, 1892, Mr. Feick married his present wife, Minnie A. Klotz. The only child of this union is Augustus H., born June 22, 1893.

Theodore J. Finzel. For nearly half a century the members of the Finzel family have materially influenced the progress and development of various localities in Northern Ohio. The chief center of the family activities has been Milan Township, and the older representative of the name in that locality is Theodore J. Finzel, who has a fine farm located on Rural Route No. 1 out of Milan. It is only a matter of just deserts that a brief record should be given in this history of Erie County pertaining to the Finzel relationship.

They are a German family, and Theodore J. Finzel was born in Bavaria November 21, 1863, though nearly all his life has been spent in this country. His parents were George C. and Canda (Schippel) Finzel, who were born in the same locality of Bavaria as their son, and represented old stock that for generations had made their home in Bavaria. George Finzel was a tradesman, both a harness maker and dealer, though later he became a farmer. There were two children born in the old country, Theodore and his sister Sophia. In 1865 this little family and Maria Schippel, the sister of Mrs. Finzel, set out for America. They took passage on a combination steamer and sailing ship at Bremerhaven and after twenty-one days landed in New York City. From there they came on to Sandusky, and there took up their venture in the New World, perhaps more prosperously than most immigrants, since they possessed some means which enabled them to start without the experiences of privation which many early settlers coming from Germany had to endure. George Finzel brought all his money in gold contained in a body belt. Several years later the family moved to Milan Township, where the father bought thirty acres on the Cleveland Road in the eastern part of the township, and there applied himself industriously to farming on the same place now occupied by his son Theodore. By much hard work and by gradual development and improvement year after year they produced a farm notable for its excellent fruits and vegetables. George C. Finzel died at that homestead in February, 1911,

when eighty-four years of age, and his wife passed away in December, 1908, at the age of seventy-six.

Maria Schippel, the sister of Mrs. George Finzel and the aunt of Theodore Finzel, was quite a young woman when she came to America, and the sisters were very devoted to each other. She married Adam Wykel of Erie County, and they afterwards took up farming, lived in Townsend Township of Huron County seven years, and finally returned to Milan Township in Erie County, where they bought a small farm, on which Mr. Adam Wykel died in October, 1911, when seventy-three years of age. Mrs. Maria Wykel died January 3, 1914, at the age of sixty-five. All the members of the Finzel and Wykel families were confirmed in Germany in the Lutheran Evangelical Church. Mr. and Mrs. Wykel had three children. The son Theodore is a skilled and high class mechanic, and stands high in the industrial affairs of Lorain County. He was educated in the public schools, and in early life served an apprenticeship in the machine shop of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, rose to department foreman, and in 1900 took charge of the engineering department of the National Tube Company's plant at Lorain in Lorain County, and by successive promotions is now assistant master mechanic and has made an excellent record all along the line. He is married, and has three children: Leland, aged eleven; Loda, aged nine; and Theodore, aged three. The only daughter in the Wykel family was Anna, who died in girlhood in 1898. The other son, Frank, is a tool maker and automobile engineer at Elyria, and has one son named Raymond.

Mr. Theodore J. Finzel, who is now prosperously managing the old farm formerly owned by his father, was the oldest of three children. His sister Sophia, already mentioned, is the wife of Edward Butler, and lives in Huron County. The daughter Emma is the wife of John Huber, and reference to this family will be found on other pages of this publication. Mr. Finzel, who has never married, has surrounded himself with many comforts, has an excellent home, including a large white eight-room house, surrounded with barns and other substantial farm buildings.

John Sprankel. Among Milan Township farms that are deserving of mention as places of value in the material sense and as homes of thrifty and energetic citizens, there is the Sprankel place situated on Rural Route No. 1 out of Milan. For more than thirty years the members of the Sprankel family have been known and esteemed in this section of Erie County, and John Sprankel, above named, is one of the successful representatives of the younger generation.

He was born on his father's farm in Milan Township on the Berlin Road, February 4, 1886. His parents were Henry and Elizabeth (Schuester) Sprankel. Both were natives of Germany. His mother was born in Kur-Hessen, Germany, and the father was born in Hesse Darmstadt. Both came when young people and alone to the United States. Their parents had spent all their lives in the old country and died there when quite old, and both the Sprankel and Schuester families were of the Reformed Church faith. Henry Sprankel left Germany in 1881 and after arriving in New York City came on to Erie County, and subsequently located a good farm of sixty-five acres in Milan Township. His first wife was Udeck Zeller, and she died not long after they came from Germany to Erie County. She left a number of children, and more extended reference to this branch of the family will be found on other pages under the name George Sprankel. Henry Sprankel married for his second wife Miss Elizabeth Schuester. They were married about thirty years ago, and before his death, which occurred October 29, 1911, when he was seventy-eight years of age, he had continued to prosper and had accumulated a large amount of fine farm land in Erie County.

He was a democrat in politics, and held several local offices, and in church affairs was a Lutheran. Mrs. Sprankel, his widow, is still living and with her sons conducts the fine farm comprising the homestead and is also owner of some other land. Mrs. Sprankel and her sons long since solved the problem of how to make both ends meet, and each year sees a little increase in their permanent prosperity and holdings. The Sprankel farm grows some of the finest crops, and one specialty is potatoes.

John Sprankel since the death of his father has assumed much of the active responsibilities in connection with the management of the old homestead, and is a valuable assistant to his mother. As a boy he attended the public schools of Milan and has deservedly prospered. John Sprankel married Gertrude Goodsite. She was born in Huron Township, September 9, 1893, and grew up and received her education in that locality. Her parents were Charles and Jeannette (Paul) Goodsite. Her father was born in Germany and now lives in Milan Township, and her mother was a native of Erie County and died in Huron Township.

Martin Sprankel, brother of John, was born November 15, 1898, and is unmarried and lives at home with his mother and brother. Both these young men are democrats in politics.

Prescott Milliman, whose valuable and well managed farm is situated in Milan Township, comes of the old pioneer stock of Erie County. In the early days his grandfather performed a much needed service to his community as one of the early blacksmiths. On the whole the family have been devoted chiefly to agriculture, and in the different generations they have lived upright and useful lives, have provided well for themselves and for their descendants, and the family record is one of unbroken thrift and good citizenship.

Amherst Milliman, grandfather of Prescott, was born near Tonawanda, New York, about the beginning of the nineteenth century. He had a brother William who went West to Indiana in the early days, lived there as a farmer, and left descendants in that state. Amherst Milliman married Sarah Young. He was married after he came out to Huron County. His location in Huron County was prior to the division of that territory and the creation of what is now Erie County. Amherst Milliman's home was what was known as the old stone house east of West Corners in Townsend Township, Huron County. Being a blacksmith by trade, he established a shop there, and for a number of years worked industriously engaged in the general repairing of tools and implements, and included in his routine work was the making and fitting of shoes for the work oxen, which were then so generally used instead of horses. From blacksmithing Amherst Milliman gradually took up farming, and continued that as his chief means of livelihood until he retired. He died in 1880, followed four years later by his wife, and both were about the same age. Amherst Milliman in politics cast his ballot for the whig candidates as long as that party was in existence and afterwards was a stanch republican. He and his wife had fourteen children, divided equally between sons and daughters. Several of the sons gave a good account of themselves as soldiers in the Civil war. The names of these soldier sons were Thomas, Ezekiel, Robert, George, John and Bryant. George died while in the army from black measles. Robert saw some service on Johnson's Island in Lake Erie as a guard to rebel prisoners. Ezekiel went through all the war and is now living at Topeka, Kansas. Thomas also had nearly a full term of service in the war. Lieutenant John and his brother Thomas were both in the Seventh Ohio Regiment of hundred days' men. John later enlisted in the One Hun-

dred and First Ohio Infantry, and was first lieutenant of Company E. He participated in some of the greatest campaigns in the history of the civil conflict. He was present at Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, and other places in that vicinity, went with Sherman in the Atlanta campaign, and followed him on his march to the sea. He was once made prisoner and for a time was confined in Andersonville prison. He also received three wounds. At one time a rebel bullet injured his scalp, another shot struck him in the foot, and a third wound was in the hip, and this bullet was never extracted, but remained in his body for a great many years and was ultimately the immediate cause of his death, which occurred December 5, 1913.

After the war John Milliman became very stout and at one time weighed 320 pounds. In spite of this weight he was a very active man, and made a successful record as a farmer. Following the war he bought fifty acres of land, and gradually increased that until at one time he owned 165 acres; 115 acres of this is now included in the homestead owned by Prescott Milliman. John Milliman spent most of his years at this homestead farm, and died there. He was a strong republican in politics. In Berlin Township he married Miss Maria Hoak. She was born on the old Hoak farm in Berlin Township, August 31, 1842, a sister of Nathan Hoak, a family to whom reference is made on other pages. She was reared and well educated, and at one time was a student under the noted Erie County educator, Job Fish. For several years before her marriage she taught school, and is still living, quite active in spite of her years, in Milan Township. Religiously she is a member of the Spiritualist faith. John Milliman and wife had three children. Lucy, who died in 1904, had attended some of the schools taught by Job Fish, and afterwards married Edward Butler, who is still living and has children named Myrtle, Ruth and Mark, all of whom have completed their education and are living in Huron County. The next in age is Prescott Milliman. Ernest, born February 12, 1874, gained his education in Milan, and is now a farmer in that township; he married Bertie Curtis of Milan Township, and their two sons are named Russell and Donald.

On the farm that he now owns and occupies and which was included in the old homestead of the late John Milliman, Prescott Milliman was born, March 6, 1872. He grew up in a good home, attended the public schools and also had Job Fish as one of his instructors and completed his education by a course in the Ohio State University at Columbus. From early boyhood he was taught the duties of farming, and that has been his real vocation since starting out on his own account. For a number of years he has owned 115 acres included in the old homestead, and has it well improved, well stocked, and grows all the best grain crops for Northern Ohio. He recently put up a substantial barn 36x60 feet, and also has a silo of eighty tons capacity. His home is a ten-room residence, well furnished and with surroundings that are most attractive.

In Milan Township Prescott Milliman married Miss Sarah Merry. She was born in that township June 26, 1880, attended the Milan High School and also the University of Ada, and took a course in the Sandusky Business College. Her father was Charles Merry, of a family whose record will be found on other pages. Mrs. Milliman taught school for some time before her marriage. Their little household circle comprises three children. Doris E., born October 25, 1905, is now in the fifth grade of the public schools. John L., born October 12, 1906, is also in school; and Marjorie Lucile was born October 14, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Milliman attend the Presbyterian Church at Milan, in which Mrs. Milliman is an active member. He is affiliated with Milan Lodge No. 329, F. & A. M., and he and his wife belong to Milan Grange No. 342, of the Patrons of Husbandry. Politically he works with the republican party.

Ernst C. A. Scheuffler. There is an old German publication which contains a complete record of the Scheuffler family history and lineage, and from the data contained in that work it is evident that Ernst C. A. Scheuffler, one of the best known citizens of Milan Township, traces his ancestry in direct line back to the year 1530. The Scheufflers were identified, one generation after the other, with the old capital city of Saxony, Dresden. Not a few of the family attained distinction. They were soldiers, artisans, and were represented in many of the professions, frequently in the Lutheran ministry. While he takes a quiet and justifiable pride in the past record of his family, it is evident that Mr. Scheuffler of Milan Township has exemplified many of the virtues and qualities inherited from previous generations, and he and others who have long since become true Americans have earned credit for the family on this side of the ocean.

The grandfather of Mr. Scheuffler was Ernst Scheuffler, who was born in the City of Dresden, became a Lutheran minister, and spent his life in Saxony. He had a son also named Ernst, who was born at Larmagh, in Saxony, was educated for the ministry, but gave it up and at the age of twenty years set out a young unmarried man to find a home and fortune in the New World. He spent three months in crossing the ocean, and finally reached Cleveland, Ohio. He was married in that city to Augusta A. Suhr. She was born in Germany, was adopted into a family who brought her to America, and she grew up at Cleveland when that now flourishing city was little more than a village. There she met and married Ernst Scheuffler, and during their residence at Cleveland four children were born to them. In 1873 the parents with their three youngest children moved to Milan Township in Erie County, and bought 104 acres of land, a part of which is now the home place of Ernst C. A. Scheuffler. In this locality the father spent the rest of his days in usefulness and honor, and died in 1885 at the age of sixty-nine. His widow survived him some eight or ten years and was still under sixty at the time of her death. Both were confirmed members of the Lutheran Church. Their oldest child was Caroline, who married Francis Denman of Cleveland, and she died there in the prime of life, her only son having also passed away as a child. The next in age is Ernst C. A. Augusta, the widow of Charles Chambers, lives near her brother Ernst in Milan Township, and has a son, Charles, who is the father of two children and lives in Fremont, Ohio; and a daughter Eda, who is the wife of Ralph Brown, of Cleveland; while another daughter of Augusta, Clara by name, died at the age of twelve. Otto, the fourth in this family, is a carpenter at Milan, and by his marriage to Lena Scholl has two sons, named Paul and Carl.

In the City of Cleveland Ernst C. A. Scheuffler was born September 21, 1855. The first seventeen years of his life were spent in that city, and in the meantime he acquainted himself with the common branches as taught in the public schools and was trained in those habits and vocations which would make him useful after reaching manhood. He came to Milan Township in 1873 and has ever since lived on the farm which formerly belonged to his father and a part of which he himself now owns. His place comprises a little more than fifty-two acres. All of it is well improved and cultivated except eight acres of pasture land, and his crops during many successive years have included practically everything that would grow in this climate. He and his family reside in a comfortable seven-room house, and his farm buildings are in good condition and represent a considerable investment. At East Norwalk Mr. Scheuffler married Miss Hannah Cunningham. She was born in that village April 30, 1861, and grew up and received her education there. Her parents were Warren and Ann (Wagner) Cunningham, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of New York State. They came

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to Huron County when young people, were married there, and Mr. Cunningham spent a great many years in and around Norwalk. He died at the age of eighty-four, while his wife passed away when about seventy. In politics he was a republican. There were two sons and six daughters in the Cunningham family, and with the exception of one who died without children after marriage, all are still living and have homes of their own.

The home circle of Mr. and Mrs. Scheuffler comprises seven children. The oldest, Henry, now lives in Sandusky and by his marriage to Ethel Williamson has a daughter, Thelma. Carrie is the wife of Grant Lowman, and they occupy the old Cunningham home at East Norwalk and have two children, William and Viola. Bessie is now studying to become a professional nurse at Cleveland. Ernst is a machinist at Brewster, Ohio, and is still unmarried. Daisy May has completed her public school education and is still at home. Bertha M. is in the Sandusky Hospital studying for the profession of trained nurse. Anna Amelia graduated from the Milan school with the class of 1915. In politics Mr. Scheuffler is a democrat.

JOHN C. WIKEL. Among those leading and representative farmers of Erie County whose labors have contributed to the material advancement and general welfare of the community was the late John C. Wikel of Milan Township. His life was a busy and useful one and furnished an example of honorable dealing, steadfast purpose, fidelity to principle and invincible moral courage that is well worthy of emulation. At his death, which occurred March 30, 1914, the community mourned the loss of one of its esteemed citizens, and his memory is still enshrined in the hearts of his many friends.

Mr. Wikel was born May 31, 1848, near Weavers Corners, Huron County, Ohio, a son of Charles and Helen (Root) Wikel. Charles Wikel was born in Germany, and in 1831, with his four brothers, Peter, Jacob, Adam and Ernest, came to the United States on a sailing vessel and located in Huron County, Ohio. All were married in this country and had families with the exception of Jacob, and all settled in Huron and Erie counties and here died. Their parents later set sail for this country to join their sons and the journey consumed seventy-five days, during which the little vessel encountered numerous storms, one of which carried away its mast. A substitute was rigged and the vessel finally made port at New York, but not long thereafter went to pieces in the harbor as a result of the vicious pounding it had received from the heavy seas.

Like his brothers, after settling in Huron County, Charles Wikel became a well-to-do farmer, gaining prosperity by characteristic industry and thrift. There he was married to Helen Root, who was born in Connecticut of New England ancestry, but who had been brought to the Western Reserve by her parents when a child. After the birth of their eldest child, John C., Mr. and Mrs. Wikel moved to Oxford Township, locating on a farm near Weavers Corners, where they lived with Mrs. Wikel's parents until 1860. In that year they came to Milan Township, Erie County, where the father purchased 154 acres of fine land, on which there was some brush and a little swamp, but the former was soon cleared away and the latter drained, and the farm was developed with patient and painstaking industry into one of the really valuable properties of the neighborhood. There both parents passed their remaining years, the father dying December 16, 1888, at the age of sixty-two years, and the mother passing away November 24, 1904, when seventy-six years of age. Both were members of the Lutheran Church, in which they had been confirmed, as had their parents before them. Mr. Wikel was a democrat, but not a politician, being content to spend

his days in peaceful pastoral pursuits and not inclined to push himself forward for public preferment. There were eight children in the family, namely: John C., Adam, Peter, Mary, Henry, Marian, Helen and C. Albert. All were given the best advantages their parents were able to afford, and were reared to lives of usefulness and honesty and fitted for the positions they afterward occupied in the community.

John C. Wikel received his early education in the district schools of Milan Township and passed his boyhood amid the atmosphere of pioneer surroundings, his earliest recollections being those connected with assisting his father in the clearing and cultivation of the soil. Later, through his own efforts, he secured a normal school training, but remained at home until 1872 when, at the age of twenty-three years, he left the parental roof and journeyed to Saunders County, Nebraska, where he entered a tract of eighty acres of land. To this he later added another eighty acres, and while not engaged in farming occupied himself with teaching a class of pupils in his own ranch home, having organized a school. Mr. Wikel continued to make his residence in Nebraska until 1885 and had met with a satisfying success, but in that year was called home by the ill health of his father, for whom he cared until his death three years later. About that time Mr. Wikel purchased the 160-acre farm in Milan Township, to which he subsequently added seventy-five acres in Berlin Township by purchase, and this was still later followed by thirty-five acres in Milan Township, the entire property adjoining. Here Mr. Wikel's labors continued to be prosecuted during the remainder of his long and honorable career. With the exception of several acres of native timber, he put the whole property under cultivation, and its soil was so fertile under his able treatment that it raised tremendous crops of all the staple grains and produce, well paying him for the labor he expended upon it. He was always a believer in the breeding of good stock, and much of his grain was fed to his large herds of cattle and his many hogs, which found a ready sale in the market. His large and substantial farm buildings included a 110-ton silo, and his commodious barns, sheds, cribs and outbuildings are painted red, while his 14-room house presented an attractive appearance, located on Wickel Road, a comfortable and modern residence fitted with all up-to-date comforts and conveniences. Mr. Wikel was a Methodist in his religious belief and endeavored to live his faith every day. In his dealings with his fellow men he exhibited the strictest integrity and honesty, while as a citizen he was public spirited and always ready to do his full share for the community or its people.

On June 8, 1873, while residing in Saunders County, Nebraska, Mr. Wikel was married to Miss Mary H. Scow, who was born near Drammen, Christiana, Norway, August 2, 1853, daughter of Oliver and Bertha (Torgerson) Scow, natives of Norway of an old and honorable family, the father born in 1812 and the mother in 1814. In 1870 Mr. and Mrs. Scow came to the United States with their four children: Mary H., Christian, Hannah and George. Their eldest son, Edward, had preceded them five years, and had taken up a homestead in the West, while their eldest daughter, Isabelle, had come to this country two years before the parents. All met at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from whence they went to the Nebraska home, and there took up a full section of wild land. This property is still in the family name and possession and was the scene of the parents' activities during the remainder of their lives, the father dying in 1884, when seventy-two years of age, and the mother in 1897, when aged eighty-eight years. Both were faithful members of the Lutheran Church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wikel there were born the following children: Bertha, who died in infancy; Henry, who is single, and conducting the old homestead farm for his mother; Nora, who is the wife of Charles

Conkling, a sketch of whose career appears elsewhere in this work; George, a farmer in Milan Township, who married Kate Fish, a native of Kansas, and has three children,—John, Edward and Henry L.; Alden, who died in childhood; Marion; Lewis, residing on the homestead place, who married Grace Von Schuetz, a native of Nebraska, who died June 21, 1915; Mary Isabelle, who graduated from the Huron High School, in the class of 1905, a devoted daughter who still lives at home and keeps house for her mother and brothers; and Ida, who died at the age of six years. Mrs. Wikel is a member of the Methodist Church, while her children are Presbyterians. They are industrious, honest and hard-working sons and daughters, eminently worthy of their parents, of their training and of the community in which their lives have been spent.

John Huber. Of John Huber, of Milan Township, it can be said as an expression of the general esteem in which he is held by his neighbors and fellow citizens that he is an industrious and successful farmer, a citizen who looks well after the interests of his own home and family and not without regard to the benefit and welfare of the community in which he lives, and also that he represents a thrifty German stock that has been identified with this section of Ohio more than sixty years.

Born in Berlin Township, January 8, 1864, John Huber is a son of John Huber, Sr. The latter was born in Wuertemberg, Germany, in either 1826 or 1827, and his parents died in that country. As a young man he learned the butcher trade, and four years of his early manhood were taken by the German government for service as a soldier in the cavalry division. He went through the different campaigns to which he was called without injury and not long after being released from the army in 1849 he set out from Hamburg and five weeks later was landed in New York City. From there he came on to Erie County, and at Ceylon found his first regular employment as a laborer during the construction of the railroad which is now the Lake Shore Road. A little later he married Frederica Kugel. She was born and reared in the same vicinity as Mr. Huber, and they came on the same vessel to the United States. After working and exercising the closest economy, John Huber left railroad employment and in 1865 moved to the western part of Berlin Township, buying fifty-six acres of land, to which he devoted many years of conscientious labor, and spent his last days there in comfort. He died June 6, 1910. His wife passed away in November of the same year, and was at that time eighty-nine years of age. They were members of the German Lutheran Church, and in politics he was a democrat. A list of their children is as follows: Louis is married and has two sons and lives in Elyria, Ohio; William is a farmer in Berlin Township and has two sons and one daughter; Paulina died after her marriage to George Penny, leaving a son and a daughter; the next in age is John Huber; August is a farmer in Perkins Township and married Miss Hart.

It was during the residence of his parents at Ceylon that John Huber was born. He grew up on his father's homestead in Berlin Township, and after getting his education in the local schools learned the trade of plasterer and stone mason. That was his regular means of livelihood for fifteen years, and in that time he was employed on many contracts in various parts of Northern Ohio. On April 17, 1912, he located on his present homestead, known as the old Sipp farm, in the southeastern quarter of Milan Township. His possessions include fifty acres of fertile land, and with some excellent improvements, including a good barn 32x36 feet, which was erected partly by his own hands and under his own management, and also a two-story residence of nine rooms in good repair and with an excellent slate roof. He also has a good tool house

and has practically every facility needed for efficient work. As a farmer he grows crops of corn, wheat, melons, fruit and vegetables.

In the township of his present home Mr. Huber married Miss Amelia Finzel. She was born at Sandusky, March 14, 1866, but was reared and educated in Milan Township. Her parents were George and Anna (Shippel) Finzel, both now deceased. They were among the prominent early settlers from Germany in Erie County, and after living in Sandusky for a few years moved out to Milan Township, where they spent their last days. They were members of the Lutheran Church and Mr. Finzel was a democrat. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Huber. Norma H. is now fifteen years of age and is a student in the Milan High School; Clarence W., born May 29, 1902, is now in the seventh grade of the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Huber are members of the Lutheran Church, and politically he is also identified with the democratic party.

Judson Perrin. In the course of a long life Judson Perrin has had many interesting associations with Milan Township. It was his birthplace, the home of his youth and mature manhood, and while for all these reasons he is loyal to its memory he has made himself further useful by active work and real service in every responsibility to which he has been called.

Born July 16, 1843, his birth occurred on the farm and in the old house which then sheltered the Perrin family, and where his present home is now located. This farm comprises eighty-five acres, and has been in the uninterrupted ownership of the Perrin family fully three-quarters of a century.

His father was Gurdin Perrin, and his grandfather Timothy Perrin. Both were natives of Connecticut, and Timothy spent all his life in the vicinity of Canterbury. He was of English ancestry, spent his career as a farmer, and died at the extreme age of ninety-seven years. He married a Connecticut woman, and of their eleven children all died before Timothy except three. Timothy was a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, and in earlier years had been captain of a company of state militia.

Gurdin Perrin was born in Connecticut in 1801, and grew up to the life of a farmer. He married Polly Church, who had also been born and reared in the vicinity of Canterbury. After their marriage they moved to Lucerne County, Pennsylvania, and during their sojourn there most of their children were born, including Elizabeth Ann, Joseph H., Alman Church, Major C., Helen Rebecca, William, Gurdin, Jr. (who died at the age of seven) and Mary. With all these children except one who died in infancy the parents set out in 1837 to establish a new home within the State of Ohio. They made the journey overland, with wagons and teams, camping by the wayside as night overtook them, and several weeks elapsed before they accomplished their tedious undertaking and arrived at Milan. Gurdin Perrin bought from Benjamin P. Smith the old homestead just east and outside the Village of Milan where Mr. Judson Perrin now resides. After they came to this locality several other children were born: Lydia; Everton, who died in infancy; and Judson. Judson was the seventh son and the eleventh child. He was christened Judson in honor of Rev. Everton Judson, who for sixteen years served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Milan, and was an intimate friend of the Perrin family. Mr. Judson was not only greatly beloved in this community, but was one of the prominent Presbyterian ministers in Northern Ohio and spent all his active career in spiritual labors and died at Milan in 1849. A memorial work was written of his career and published in 1852 by E. P. Barrows, Jr.

After the Perrin family located in Milan Township they became very

useful and active workers in the Presbyterian Church and accomplished a great deal of good in the spiritual enlightenment of the community and did much to upbuild the church organization. Gurdin Perrin died at his old home on his birthday, August 13, 1867, when only a few hours past the age of sixty-six. He was a very strong and positive republican in politics, and had given his full support to the abolition movement before the war. His wife had died here October 5, 1855, and she had likewise been closely in sympathy with him in church affairs. After the death of his first wife Gurdin Perrin married Minerva S. Stanton, and she survived her husband several years, though she died without children. She was also a Presbyterian. Judson Perrin has a brother, William, who is a farmer at Norwalk, Ohio, and by his marriage to Mary Newson has a son and daughter, William N. and Emma. There is one sister living, Lydia, the widow of William Schubert, and she lives in Norwalk, and her son, Lewis J., resides at Mansfield, Ohio.

As a boy Judson Perrin was impressed by the usual influences which go to the making of the character of a youth in a country community with such excellent moral atmosphere as Milan Township. He acquired a good education, and at the age of twenty started teaching. For thirteen consecutive winters he gave his time to this vocation, and during the rest of the year was an active farmer on the old homestead. He has owned the Perrin farm for a great many years, and while providing for the needs of his family through agricultural industry has worked in every way possible to keep up and maintain those vital forces of every community, church and school.

At Norwalk, in Huron County, Mr. Perrin married Miss Hannah Theresa Benedict. She was born in Connecticut August 22, 1846, and died at the old home December 22, 1896. She was an active member of the Presbyterian Church. She was still a child when her parents, Rufus and Betsey Benedict, came from Connecticut to Norwalk, and they spent the rest of their lives in that locality. Her father died when past fourscore, and her mother much younger. Mrs. Perrin's mother was a member of the Congregational Church.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Perrin. The son Gurdin A., born in 1868, was educated in the Milan public schools and in the Northern Ohio University at Ada, and at the age of twenty taught his first school in the same district where his father at the same age had begun his work as an educator. For several years he has been actively associated with his father in the management of the home farm, and under the name Judson Perrin & Son they carry on an extensive dairy and truck farm. The daughter, Carrie H., who was also well educated in the public schools at Milan and finished her education in the University at Ada, took up teaching and has spent eighteen years in that noble calling, and is now principal of the Benedict Avenue School at Norwalk. Nellie E. is the wife of Finley W. Kirkpatrick, of Joliet, Illinois.

Mr. Perrin and all his children are members of the Presbyterian Church at Milan. The daughter is a teacher and the son is superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Perrin is himself an elder in the church, is clerk of the sessions and for twenty-two years filled the post of superintendent of the Sunday school. He and his son are strong republicans in politics. Both are also in great sympathy with the prohibition movement, and lend every influence towards the abolition of the liquor traffic.

Conrad Schisler. A native son of Erie County, Mr. Schisler has here maintained his home from the time of his nativity and that he has had the energy and ability to take full advantage of the opportunities here offered can not fail to be appreciated by any person in the least

familiar with his career or aware of his status as one of the most progressive and substantial business men of the Village of Birmingham and as one of the honored and influential citizens of Florence Township. As a general merchant he controls a specially large and representative trade, and his establishment in the Village of Birmingham would be a credit to a place of much greater population. That he has secure vantage-ground in popular confidence and good will is shown not only in the broad scope of his business enterprise but also in his having been called upon to serve in various positions of public trust, including that of postmaster of Birmingham.

The general merchandise store of Mr. Schisler occupies a main building 24 by 56 feet in dimensions and two stories in height, and the demands placed upon the establishment finally made it virtually necessary to erect the addition or annex, which is 24 by 40 feet in dimensions, and which is used for the display of kitchen furniture as well as for the storage of surplus stock in other lines. All departments show well selected and ample stocks of staple and special goods, and in the store provisions are made for supplying all demands of a large and appreciative patronage, few similar establishments in rural communities having as excellent appointments and facilities. The second floor of the building is used for the display of linoleums and other floor coverings and for rubber footwear, besides which it affords accommodations also for the local exchange of the telephone company of which Mr. Schisler is treasurer.

Mr. Schisler has been locally influential and zealous as a representative of the republican party and he served twelve years as postmaster at Birmingham, under the administrations of Presidents McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft, and two years after the election of President Wilson, his retirement having naturally come with the change in the general political administration of the national affairs. Mr. Schisler served four terms as treasurer of Florence Township and has given effective service also in the office of treasurer of the board of education of his district. He is at the present time treasurer and a director of the Riverside Telephone Company, which was organized in 1906, with Charles A. Heald as president, and the company now gives service to 300 subscribers, its facilities being of the best in its local lines and also through its direct connection with the lines of the Bell and Independent Telephone Companies.

Mr. Schisler is a representative of a sterling family whose name has been identified with the civic and material affairs of Erie County for half a century. He was born on the old James Douglass farm on the shore of Lake Erie, in Berlin Township, the date of his nativity having been March 20, 1862. Under the sturdy discipline of the home farm he early learned the lessons of practical industry and in the meanwhile he made good use of the advantages afforded in the public schools of the locality and period. In 1881 Mr. Schisler severed his allegiance to the great basic industry of agriculture and assumed a position as clerk in a mercantile establishment at Vermilion. Ten months later he became associated with Phillip A. Baker in the general merchandise business at Birmingham, and this alliance continued until 1889, when Mr. Schisler formed a partnership with John Geary and engaged in the dry-goods and hardware business in this village. On the night of May 20, 1891, the entire business section of the village was destroyed by fire, and after having thus suffered the loss of their entire stock of goods Mr. Schisler and his partner were given the temporary use of the town hall, without charge, as a place to continue their business until they could effect the erection of a proper building for the purpose. In the following October the firm's new building was ready for occupancy, and in the same the business was developed into one of general order, though much of its

amplification has been accomplished during the time that Mr. Schisler has been sole proprietor, Mr. Geary having retired in 1901 and his death having occurred in the following year. The finely equipped store now shows excellent lines of dry-goods, groceries, hardware, boots and shoes, kitchen furniture, floor coverings and manifold special lines, and the high reputation of the establishment and its owner constitutes its best commercial asset.

Mr. Schisler is a son of Paul and Fredericka (Sprenger) Schisler, both born near Hesse Cassel, Germany, where the former was born August 3, 1834, and the latter on the 1st of January, 1835. The parents were reared and educated in their native province and there they remained until after the birth of their three eldest children, two of whom died in infancy. In 1860, in company with their one surviving child, Martin, they immigrated to America, the voyage from Bremen to New York having been made on a sailing vessel and six weeks having been passed on the Atlantic before they reached the port of New York City. Shortly after landing in the United States they came to Erie County, Ohio, and here the father found employment on the Douglass farm, in Berlin Township, where the family home was maintained several years and where the three younger children were born—Conrad, who is the immediate subject of this review, is the eldest of the three; Anna is the wife of Andrew Huttenloch and they reside at Berlin Heights, this county; Andrew, who still remains on the old homestead farm, in Florence Township, married Miss Mary Stephens, and they have two children: Andrew, Jr., and Catherine.

In the early '70s Paul Schisler purchased his farm in Florence Township, and he reclamed the same into one of the valuable places of that part of the county, this homestead being the residence of himself and his devoted wife until the close of their long and useful lives, each having been about eighty years of age at the time of death. Both were zealous and consistent communicants of the German Evangelical Church and they assisted in the organization of the church of this denomination in Florence Township, as well as in the erection of the church edifice. Mr. Schisler was for many years an influential and valued official of this congregation and thus continued until his death.

In Florence Township was solemnized the marriage of Conrad Schisler to Miss Catherine Rosenstock, who was born near Hesse Cassel, Germany, on the 24th of February, 1860, and whose parents there passed their entire lives. Her father, a man of superior intellectual attainments, was a successful teacher in the schools of the fatherland for fully half a century and in recognition of his devoted services he was granted a pension at the time of his retirement. He was about eighty years of age at the time of his death, his wife, who had been for several years an invalid, having preceded him to eternal rest and their daughter, Catherine, Mrs. Schisler, having had charge of the domestic affairs of the home until the time of her mother's death, after which she came to the United States to join her sister, Mrs. Eliza Baker, in Florence Township, Erie County, where her marriage to Mr. Schisler was solemnized a few years later. Mr. and Mrs. Schisler became the parents of one child, Conrad, Jr., who died at the age of two days. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Birmingham, and Mr. Schisler has served as trustee and steward of the same. They are popular in the social activities of the community and their pleasant home is known for its generous and unostentatious hospitality.

George R. Curtis. For many years the name George R. Curtis has been familiarly associated with business affairs and with the public life of Milan Village. His family is one of the oldest in this section of North-

ern Ohio, and nearly a century ago his grandfather was a prominent factor in the shipping trade which largely centered at Milan.

This pioneer, Rufus Curtis, was born in the State of New Jersey, and married Rachael Hughes, of the same state. Soon after the close of the War of 1812 they came to North Milan Village. Rufus Curtis was a ship master along the Milan Canal, and owned and operated a fleet of lighters which carried the grain from Milan down to the lake port at Huron. Those familiar with the history of old Milan will recall that in the early years of the last century it was the principal market for all the grain raised in a wide radius of country, and on being delivered at Milan it had to be lightered in small vessels down the canal to the larger lake boats at Huron. This was the regular business of Rufus Curtis for some years, but he later sold out and bought a farm not far from the Village of Milan, improved it and died there in the early part of the present century at the advanced age of eighty-four. A part of that farm, seventy-five acres, is still owned by his descendants. Rufus Curtis survived his wife about four years, who was eighty-two years of age when she died. These worthy old pioneers had witnessed nearly all the important phases of development in Erie County. They were here when the country was completely new, when log cabins were the typical and almost exclusive residences, and they used their influence and their work to aid in the upbuilding. In politics Rufus Curtis was a democrat, and he and his wife were both members of the Universalist Church. They had three sons and three daughters, of whom Samuel Minor was the oldest. The only two still living are: Mrs. Mary Harris, of Berlin Township, a widow now making her home with her son; and Louise, wife of Joseph Lotshar of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Samuel Minor Curtis, father of George R., was born at Milan December 20, 1835, and grew up on the old homestead already mentioned which his father had bought after retiring from the vessel trade. He received his education in the old academy and normal and after his marriage lived on a farm in Vermilion Township, in 1862 moved to Huron Township, and three years later returned to Milan, where he began operating a threshing outfit. Subsequently he became agent for the manufacturers of a special line of threshing machinery, and sold threshers, engines, and other supplies, as general state agent all over Ohio. This was his regular business for many years, and he was still at it at the time of his death on October 6, 1906. He was a man of great activity, hard working, and made a successful record in business affairs. He was a vigorous exponent of the democratic principles in politics, affiliated with Milan Lodge No. 329, F. & A. M., and always identified himself helpfully with any movement for the benefit of the community.

Samuel M. Curtis was married in Huron Township to Ann J. Harris. She was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1838, but when eleven years of age came with her parents to Huron Township in Erie County. Her parents were George P. and Esther (McSpadden) Harris. Her father was born in Hertfordshire, England, while her mother was a native of County Down, Ireland, and came to America in the early '20s with her mother, locating at Pittsburg, where some years later she married Mr. Harris. Both had come to America in the old fashioned sailing vessels which required from twelve to fifteen weeks to cross the ocean. Mr. Harris had thoroughly learned the trade of machinist in England, and had much natural ability in mechanical lines. He came with his brother William, and the latter subsequently moved to Erie County and for many years lived on a farm in Huron Township. George P. Harris married Miss McSpadden in Pittsburg. It was his distinction to have constructed the first locomotive engine over the Pittsburg and Johnstown Railway, now part of the Pennsylvania Railway system. That first engine was known as the Washington. He re-

mained an engineer in the employ of that road for nine years. He was not only an engineman but had a thorough knowledge of all features of construction, and it is said that he could have built an engine complete, and was always able to make every repair necessary. As one of the pioneer railway men of this country he deserves mention and memory. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Harris were all born in Pittsburg. Subsequently the family lived in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and from there in 1849 came to Huron Township in Erie County, buying land on which Mr. Harris conducted farming operations until his death on June 12, 1872, at the age of sixty-two. His widow passed away in 1877 aged seventy-six. They were members of the Lutheran Evangelical Church and in politics he was a rabid democrat. There were five children in the Harris family. One of the sons, William J., served as a color bearer in the Union army and was killed while before Atlanta and was buried in the National Cemetery at Marietta. The only two now living are: Thomas J., a farmer in Huron Township, and head of a family; and Mrs. Ann J. Curtis, who now lives in Cleveland and is still hale and hearty at the age of seventy-seven.

George R. Curtis, who was the only child of his parents, was born while they were living on a farm in Vermilion Township, April 25, 1858. Since he was seven years of age he has lived in Milan Village and Township, and was given an excellent and liberal education preparatory to his business career. He attended the Milan public schools, Oberlin College and the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, and while in the University was a member of the Greek Letter fraternity Sigma Chi and is a stockholder in the chapter house at Delaware. During his residence at Milan he has taken a prominent part in local affairs, and for fourteen years served as mayor of the city. He has also had many relations with local business undertakings, was associated with his father for a number of years, and owns valuable property both in the country and in the village. His home is one of the most attractive residences of the city, a twelve-room house, with all the modern conveniences and comforts.

At Milan Mr. Curtis married Miss Sarah R. Lockwood, a member of one of the most prominent pioneer families of Northern Ohio. She was born in Milan Village, August 26, 1860, and was educated both here and at Buffalo. She is a daughter of Stephen A. Lockwood, who was prominent as a merchant and farmer.

The Lockwood ancestry in America runs back to Robert Lockwood, who came from England in 1635, and was an early settler at Watertown near Boston, Massachusetts. He was married in Massachusetts and died there. A generation or so later members of the family moved to Connecticut, and about 1815 later descendants came West and established their home in Milan Township of Erie County. Successive generations from the pioneer ancestor, Robert Lockwood, to the present were: Ephraim Lockwood; Joseph Lockwood; Joseph Lockwood II; Stephen Lockwood; Ralph Lockwood; Stephen A. Lockwood, Sr., who became the father of Mrs. Curtis, who consequently is in the eighth generation of this family in America. It was Ralph Lockwood, her grandfather, who with his brothers George and Henry, and sisters Esther, Sarah, Elizabeth and Mary, became identified nearly a century ago with that part of Northern Ohio around Milan and Norwalk. The family came to this country about 1817, and Ralph and George preceded the others already mentioned. They acquired the ownership of large tracts of land, in what was then known as Huron County, prior to the erection of Erie County. A part of the land owned by the Lockwoods has since been incorporated in the village sites of Norwalk and Milan. Ralph and George Lockwood were well educated young men, and as surveyors they laid out much of the lands in and around Milan and Norwalk. The

surveying instruments which these pioneers used are still in possession of their descendants. Part of the large land tract owned by the Lockwoods was awarded to them as their share of the firelands. As a family they were sufferers from the devastations committed by the British troops in the Revolution and in the War of 1812. Stephen A. Lockwood, father of Mrs. Curtis, was born at the old homestead in Milan, June 10, 1820, grew up there as a farmer boy, and some years later with his brother, William, established a business on the west side of Milan Square, handling a general stock of goods. They were thrifty and intelligent young men, and prospered in proportion to the growth of the village community, erected some of the substantial business blocks of their time, but subsequently on account of lack of organized fire protection they suffered heavily when the entire west side of the square was burned. William subsequently became associated with other members of the Lockwood family, while Stephen A. left merchandising to engage in farming. In this vocation he also prospered, and left a large property to his family and descendants. He died at Milan in April, 1889. Like the other male members of the Lockwood family he was first a whig and later a republican, and during the Civil war served for three years in the United States Navy. In after life he could never be got to speak much of his naval experience, and this was due to his natural modesty and his conviction that his service was only a mere matter of duty and should not be boasted of. Stephen A. Lockwood was married in Milan to his cousin, Sarah A. Lockwood, the daughter of his uncle, George. She was born at Milan, in November, 1826, and died in April, 1914. She was a fine type of the pioneer wife and mother, had many noble traits of character, and for many years was one of the most active members of the Presbyterian Church. In the Lockwood family were five sons and five daughters, several of them now deceased, and Mrs. Curtis was one of the youngest of the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis have two daughters. Mabel A., born August 15, 1882, is a graduate of Oberlin College and is now the wife of Walter T. Dunmore, who graduated in 1900 from Oberlin College and later from the law school of the Western Reserve University, was admitted to the bar in 1904, and is present dean of the Western Reserve Law School. Mr. and Mrs. Dunmore have two children: Marjorie C., born December 29, 1905; and Helen E., born July 8, 1915. The second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis is Maude S., born October 5, 1885. She graduated from Oberlin College and from the Woman's College at Cleveland, and is now the wife of Harry H. Doering. Mr. Doering graduated from Oberlin with the class of 1906 and now lives in Philadelphia. Mr. Curtis and family are members of the Presbyterian Church and he is affiliated with Marks Lodge No. 239, F. & A. M., at Milan. In politics he is an independent democrat.

J. Charles Russell. Probably every resident of Milan Township has had occasion to admire the capable management and well kept appearance of the Russell farm near Avery. Its proprietor is a man who has effected a great deal in the course of a career of some forty years. He started life with very little capital except what he earned himself, and from youth to middle age has been one of the thrifty, industrious workers in this section of Ohio.

Born at Sandusky, November 24, 1853, J. Charles Russell is a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Utha) Russell, both of whom were born in Hesse Nassau, Germany, and grew up and married there. Their first child, Nettie, was born in Germany. In the spring of 1853 the little family embarked on a sailing vessel and came to the United States from Bremen to New York, making the voyage in forty days. From New York they came on to Sandusky, where the father arrived practically at the end of

his resources. Without money or influential friends, he supported his family for a time by sawing wood with an old fashioned buck saw. In the spring of 1854 he went to Hunts Corners in Huron County and was engaged in farming in that locality until his death in 1858, when only twenty-eight years of age. He had been confirmed in the Lutheran Church in his native country. Four children survived him: Nettie, now deceased; J. Charles; Christopher, who died as a child only two days after his father; and Philip, who is a farmer at Parkertown and prominent in democratic politics and is married and has five sons and one daughter. The widowed mother was married in Huron County to Christ Gillamaster. They then located in Groton Township on a farm and spent the rest of their lives there. She died at the age of seventy-six and her husband at seventy-five. To her second marriage were also born four children, two of whom died young. Her sons, Louis and William, are still living, the former a farmer in Groton Township and the father of two sons and four daughters, and the latter a farmer in Sandusky County and he has four sons and three daughters.

It was in Huron County that J. Charles Russell spent his early youth and manhood. He lived at home with his mother and step-father until reaching his majority, and profited by attendance at such schools as existed in that community. His first independent work as a farmer was done in Groton Township, where he lived six years, and the following three years in Lyman Township of Huron County. Returning to Groton Township, he spent another four years there, and then moved to the Captain Coulter farm, in Milan Township near Avery. That was the scene of his productive efforts for nineteen years, and he carried on his extensive operations with profit to all concerned. During a year following his removal from the Coulter farm he rented another place, but in 1908 bought the Avery farm, known as the Hawley place. This is a farm of first class improvements, with splendid soil, with tiling drainage, and capable of producing all the standard cereal crops. Mr. Russell finds potatoes one of the best crops for his land, plants usually from ten to twenty acres, and his yield is as high as 275 bushels per acre. The building improvements about the farm represent a large investment. He has a big gray barn, built in the most modern manner for the housing of stock and grain, and standing on a foundation 36x62 feet. His home is a large white eight-room house, surrounded with a large lawn and with beautiful shade trees. Besides this farm Mr. Russell also owns 78½ acres in Groton Township, which is likewise well improved and has a good set of building improvements.

In Oxford Township Mr. Russell married Miss Nettie Schamp. She was born in that township November 11, 1853, and died November 20, 1911. She grew up and received her education there and became a splendid mother to her children and a most capable home maker. Her parents were German people, Peter and Emma (Schafer) Schamp, who were born in Nassau, Germany, and when young people came to America and settled in Oxford Township of Erie County, where they married and subsequently lived as farmers. Her father died there twenty years ago and her mother about sixteen years ago, both being at the time about three score years of age. They were members of the Lutheran Church and her father was a democrat.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Russell are briefly mentioned as follows: Jennie died five years after her marriage to Henry Gastier, who is now living on Mr. Russell's farm in Groton Township. William, the second child, died when two years of age. Frank married Mabel Taylor, and they live at the Russell home in Milan Township. Fred is a graduate of high school and business college, is now twenty-seven years of age, and while living at home is one of the capable workmen in the employ of Isaac W. Hoover, the prominent Avery manufacturer; Fred is affili-

ated with Milan Lodge of the Masonic Order. Mr. Russell and family are all members of the Evangelical Church, and he and his sons are democrats in national politics.

JOHN W. WEILNAU. Many of the most enterprising young men of the present generation find in farm management an outlet for their highest degree of skill and efficiency. Among the younger agriculturists of Erie County special mention should be given to John W. Weilnau, who fully measured up to the tests and requirements of modern industrial life in the point of efficiency, skill, industry and general ability.

For the past eight years Mr. Weilnau has had ample scope for his career as a farmer as manager of the large Hoover homestead at Avery. This is one of the best farms in Erie County, and the manner in which Mr. Weilnau has conducted it reflects credit upon his personal skill. His crops are grown at the rotation and intensive method. During the past year he had 16 acres of corn, 24 in wheat, 8 acres in oats and 12 acres in potatoes. His wheat yields about 29 bushels to the acre, oats 40 bushels, corn 80 bushels, and he gets a particularly abundant yield of potatoes.

Practically all his life John W. Weilnau has been a resident of Erie County. He was born in Oxford Township December 29, 1878, grew up and was educated in that township, and made a definite choice of farming as his vocation. He has been independently engaged in that business for the past nine years, and with a degree of success such as few men of his age and experience can show. Besides the raising of general crops he gives much attention to horses, hogs and cattle on the Hoover homestead.

His parents were John and Mary (Goodsite) Weilnau. They were both natives of Germany, his father of Hesse Nassau and his mother of Mecklenburg. When young people they came with their parents to the United States and to Ohio, and the grandparents on both sides spent their lives here and died when about seventy years old. Both families were of the Evangelical Church faith. After their marriage John and Mary Weilnau started out as farmers in Oxford Township. He died there July 20, 1913, when past sixty-three years of age. The mother is still living with her children at the old homestead and is now sixty-two years of age. John W. is the oldest son and the second child in a family of four sons and one daughter. His sister Elizabeth is the wife of Adelbert Williams, a farmer in Milan Township, and their two daughters are named Dorothy and Mary. John W. Weilnau's brothers are Henry, Fred and James, who are still single young men living with their mother.

John W. Weilnau was married in Oxford Township to Catherine Ebert. She was born in Oxford township March 19, 1880, and grew up and was educated there, a daughter of Lewis Ebert and a sister of Charles Ebert, reference to whom is made on other pages. Mr. and Mrs. Weilnau have a family of four children: Catherine M., seven years old; Paul William, aged six; John Louis, aged four; and George H., who is three years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Weilnau are active members of the Evangelical Church, he is a democrat in politics, and is past grand of Milan Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

ANSEL G. ODELL. The Odell family to which this well known resident of Milan Township belongs has long been prominent and numerously represented in the Empire State of New York. Former Governor Odell of New York was of the same stock. The Odells have been identified with this section of Northern Ohio fully eighty years, and their record here as honorable and useful citizens runs through three successive generations. Ansel G. Odell is well known not only as a general farmer, vegetable grower and fruit dealer, but also as a business man in Milan Township. His home is on the Cleveland road.

It was in the early '30s that the family came to Northern Ohio. His grandfather, Samuel Odell, came from New York State to Huron County, Ohio, and settled about seven miles south of Norwalk. He secured Government land there at the regular price of $1.25 per acre. At that time the value of land was judged mainly by its timber, and Samuel Odell chose his location in Huron County in preference to one in Erie County largely because of the timber resources. The farm on which Ansel G., his grandson, now lives, was at that time known as white oak opening and could be bought at 75 cents an acre. After locating in Huron County Samuel Odell earned money for the support of his household for several years by making staves in the woods and hauling them to Milan, a distance of more than twenty miles. His first home was a typical log cabin, and after making some improvements on his land he sold his first place, which was situated southeast of Olena, and bought another farm southwest of that village. On transferring his residence he again lived in a simple home such as most people owned at that time, but later erected a substantial frame dwelling, and developed a large farm. He died there when in venerable years. He had been married three times. His first wife was a Miss Wooley, who came from New York State. She died leaving a daughter, Mary J., who married Anson Kellogg. It was the second wife of Samuel Odell who was the mother of William Odell, who in turn was the father of Ansel G. She died in middle life, leaving quite a family of children. Besides William there was Angeline, now the widow of D. K. Gauff, and living in Milan, having one daughter. Another son of Samuel was Joseph Odell, who is living with his son and daughter, Elmer and Ethel, in Huron County near Greenwich.

William Odell was born April 22, 1835, in Huron County. He died at the home now owned by Ansel Odell on New Year's Eve of 1912. He was a man of great variety of experience, but his natural modesty served as a cloak to his achievements, and even members of his own family never heard the full story of his life, particularly of his adventures as a soldier in the Civil war. He grew up in Huron County, and for many years was a trader. The last fifteen years of his life were spent in Milan Township. His service as a Union soldier covered four years twelve days. He was a member of Company C of the One Hundred Twenty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and went out from Monroeville. During most of the time he was a private in the ranks, but was discharged as a corporal. He took part in many of the historic battles, including one of the Bull Run engagements, was at Lookout Mountain, at Gettysburg, and in several of the great campaigns before Richmond. At one time he was captured and kept for several months in the notorious Libby Prison. After escaping he was again captured, and this time was sent to Andersonville. While at Andersonville he saved both himself and a comrade, the latter sentenced to be shot on the following day. By a clever maneuver he effected the escape of both himself and his companion and finally reached the Union lines. He had many thrilling experiences as a soldier, but was always reticent on such subjects, and had the modesty characteristic of a truly brave military man. Politically he always voted with the republican party. He married Rachel Phillips. She was born on the old Phillips farm on the Ridge Road in Huron County, April 25, 1836. Now feeble with the infirmities of age she is living with her son Walter.

Ansel G. Odell was born in Eaton County, Michigan, November 9, 1867, during a brief residence of his parents in that state. However, most of his life has been spent in Erie County, and as a boy he attended the little white schoolhouse not far from his present home. He was reared chiefly in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Angeline Gauff. After his

marriage he succeeded to the ownership of the farm which he still occupies, and which formerly belonged to Mrs. Odell's family. For fourteen years prior to his marriage he had conducted the farm as a renter. It is a small but well improved little homestead of nineteen acres, containing a good house and barn, and with an orchard of 240 peach trees. During the summer seasons Mr. Odell deals extensively in fruit in Erie County, and also conducts a good business as a manufacturer of acetylene gas plants.

At the home where he now lives Mr. Odell married Miss Anna Curtis. She was born in Ridgefield, Huron County, May 25, 1866, and when a child came with her parents to Curtis Corners or Petersburg in Milan Township, and grew up and received her education there. Her parents were Ezra D. and Thankful (Winchester) Curtis. Her parents were both natives of New York State, her father born November 7, 1823, at Barry in Orleans County, and her mother born December 20, 1826, in Chautauqua County. They were married July 12, 1848, at Perry in Lake County, Ohio. Ezra D. Curtis was a son of Rev. Henry Curtis, who spent many years as a minister of the Methodist Church. Thankful Winchester was a daughter of Marcus Winchester, who made a notable record as a soldier in the War of 1812 and afterwards died in Huron County, Ohio. After Ezra and Thankful Curtis were married they lived in Waterloo County, Ontario, for several years, and their daughter, Olive R., was born there in 1849. Subsequently they returned to Huron County, lived in Ridgefield Township, and from 1851 to 1854 resided at Perry in Lake County. In April, 1872, they moved to Erie County and bought a small farm at the Petersburg schoolhouse in Milan Township. There Mr. Curtis died November 5, 1900, at the age of seventy-seven years five days. His widow is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Odell, and in December, 1915, celebrates her eighty-ninth birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis were always closely identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell have an adopted son, Robert A., who was born February 16, 1908. In their religious affiliations they are members of the Friends Church. Mr. Odell is a republican.

Emmet Park. Two enterprising young men who have done much to stimulate manufacturing in Erie County are Emmet Park and Dennis Tucker of the firm of Park & Tucker, proprietors of the plant at Avery, which is run to its full capacity most every working day in the year for the manufacture of tile and brick. They have built up an industry which is more notable for the quality of the output than for the quantity. To manufacture something that is a little better than the ordinary run of material is a sure means to success. The principal output of the Park & Tucker plant is tile, and they make a varied assortment, ranging from three to fifteen inches in diameter. There is perhaps nothing superior to this on the market anywhere, and the firm has had no difficulty in extending the sale of the product to the full capacity of the plant among high grade users of this important clay product, and practically the entire output is taken by dealers and contractors who have patronized this Avery firm for several years or more. Messrs. Park & Tucker have been engaged in this industry for the past twelve years. They bought out the old established plant at Avery, conducted for about fifteen years by Dennis Gilmore, and the tile manufactured here is used in the tiling and draining of land.

Both members of the firm are Ohio men, and Mr. Park was born at Olena in Huron County, Ohio, in 1870. He grew up on a farm and was engaged in that industry until he combined with Mr. Tucker in the present industry. His parents were James and Martha (Ersburg) Park,

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his father a native of Ireland and his mother of Ohio. They were married in Huron County, and for a number of years farmed in Olena. Mr. Park lost his mother when he was a small child, and the father died in 1897. They were Protestant people and he served as trustee of his home township for a number of years, was for nine years director of the Huron County Infirmary, and in politics was a republican.

In June, 1897, Mr. Emmet Park married in Ashland County Miss Sadie A. Berkey. She was born in Wayne County, Ohio, September 23, 1870, was reared and educated in Ashland County, and for several years before her marriage was a teacher in the county schools. She is a woman of thorough culture and education, is active in religious work and all the local benevolences. Her father, Christian Berkey, died February 7, 1915, at the age of seventy-four, having for many years been an active farmer. Her mother is now living at the old home in Ashland County and has reached venerable years. She is a member of the Evangelical Church and her father was a German Baptist. Mrs. Park has a brother, James W. Berkey, who lives in Savannah, Ohio, and has a son named Paul C., and her only sister is Clara O., who for a number of years has been a teacher in Ashland County. Mr. and Mrs. Park are active workers in the Presbyterian Church at Milan. Besides his interests as a manufacturer Mr. Park and Mr. Tucker own considerable acreage which they have developed intensively as a small farm, improved with excellent buildings.

His partner, Dennis Tucker, is an Erie County boy, having been born and reared in Oxford Township. Except for a few years spent in Huron County he has lived in Erie County all of his life, and is a young man of means, industry, thorough ability and high standing.

J. K. Douglas, D. D. S. One of the chief branches of professional knowledge upon which mankind is dependent for a maintenance of healthful conditions is that which is connected with the care and preservation of the teeth. Careless habits of living, neglect and indifference continually result in a demand for the first-class practitioner of dentistry. Like other professions, this vocation is constantly advancing, demanding of its devotees constant and continued study in order to keep abreast of its progress. The profession of dentistry is well and honorably represented at Sandusky by Dr. J. K. Douglas, a native of Erie County. Engaged in practice here for more than twenty years, his advancement has been sure and consistent and his high professional standing is evidenced by his incumbency of the office of president of the Northern Ohio Dental Association.

Doctor Douglas was born August 26, 1869, in Erie County, Ohio, and is a son of James and Cornelia A. (King) Douglas. His father was born in Canada and was a youth when brought by his parents to the United States in 1833, the family locating in Erie County, Ohio. In young manhood, James Douglas adopted the vocation of fisherman on the Great Lakes, extending his pursuit of the finny tribe from Sandusky, Ohio, to Green Bay, Wisconsin. He was industrious and ambitious, and when he had accumulated the means, invested in farming land in Berlin Township, Erie County, where he continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits with success until his death, which occurred in this county in 1900. Mrs. Douglas, who still survives, has reached the advanced age of eighty-three years.

The second in a family of three children, J. K. Douglas received his early education in the public schools of Erie County. He was further prepared at the normal school at Milan, and then took a commercial

course at the Ohio Normal School at Ada, Ohio, following which he entered upon his professional studies in the dental department of the University of Michigan. Graduating with the class of 1894, he at once entered practice at Sandusky, where by diligent attention to his work he has acquired a profitable patronage, and by keeping himself abreast of all current developments and improved methods in his art has maintained an excellent professional standing and inspired confidence in his skill throughout the community. In the meanwhile his amiable disposition and genial deportment have attracted to him many friends. Doctor Douglas maintains membership in the District Dental Society, in the Ohio State Dental Society, of which he was president one year, in the American Dental Association, and in the Northern Ohio Dental Association, of which he is the chief executive officer at this time. For six years he was a member of the State Board of Dental Examiners. Fraternally, the doctor is a third degree Mason, and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias.

Doctor Douglas was married December 30, 1895, at Sandusky, to Miss Maora B. Hill, who was born in Berlin Heights, Ohio, a daughter of George F. and Mary Hill, also of Berlin Heights, and to this union there has been born one daughter, Elizabeth, November 13, 1901.

On the maternal side of the family, Mrs. James Douglas is a daughter of Gideon King, Jr., who celebrated his golden wedding anniversary in Berlin Township, Erie County, March 20, 1872. Mr. King was the son of Gideon King, of East Bloomfield, Ontario County, New York, and was born at East Bloomfield, November 17, 1795, hence he celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his marriage at a little more than seventy-six years of age. George King, the grandfather of Gideon King, Jr., died while serving as a lieutenant in the patriot army during the War of the Revolution, and the family is supposed to have descended from Stephen Hopkins, who came to America on the Mayflower in 1620.

John B. Kurtz. When farming is conducted skillfully and up to the best standards of modern experience and knowledge it is at once the most independent and satisfactory of all human vocations. A striking illustration of this type of modern agriculture is found on the place of John B. Kurtz in Milan Township. Mr. Kurtz has behind him many years of practical experience, and at the same time is a student and observer of agricultural progress. He is a skilled rotation farmer, and can be said literally to have effected the achievement of making two blades of grass grow where only one grew before. Measured by its cultivation, its products, and improvements, his is truly one of the most valuable and productive farmsteads in Erie County.

The very farm where he now lives and of which he is proprietor was his birthplace, where he first saw the light of day April 2, 1866. In this one locality he spent practically all his life. As a boy he attended the schools of Milan Township, but since 1899 has owned the old farm on his own account. Here are seventy-two acres of as fine land as Erie County affords. Adjacent to the main farm is another tract of twenty acres, while Mr. Kurtz also owns another place of twenty acres near the Village of Milan. The ninety-two acres in the home farm are fully drained and beautifully improved. One attractive feature of his farm is a grove of fine native timber. Mr. Kurtz grows the very best of crops, corn, wheat, oats and potatoes, and his potato crop produced from ten acres of land yields more than 200 bushels to the acre. For storage and stock shelter Mr. Kurtz has large barns. One of these is a basement structure on a foundation 40x60 feet. There is another large building

for grain storage and used as a carriage and tool house. The attractive country residence contains ten rooms, and it is the same house in which Mr. Kurtz was born, but has undergone under his management a number of alterations, enlargements and improvements. He keeps excellent cattle for beef, and feeds a considerable number of stock every year. He also has horses, sheep and hogs.

John B. Kurtz is a son of Barthold Kurtz, a record of whose career will be found on other pages in the sketch of Philip Kurtz. Barthold Kurtz obtained the land in a wild condition where his son John now lives. This was more than seventy years ago, and the purchase price of some of it was only twenty-five dollars an acre. It was on this farm that Barthold spent his many years of useful activity and died in 1895. Many of the improvements still found on the place are the result of his labors. His wife died there four years before his own death.

One of a family of seven children, John B. Kurtz was the one whom filial love and a sense of duty caused to remain at home and take care of his parents as long as they lived. He came into the ownership of the old farm by buying out the interests of the other heirs, and has since cleared up all the financial obligations and debts, and has refused as much as $200 an acre for his place. In politics Mr. Kurtz is a republican.

In the old home township Mr. Kurtz married one of his neighbor girls, Miss Sarah Fauser, daughter of George and Mary Melissa (Weichel) Fauser. There were four children born to this honored couple, Carrie, Sarah, Emma and William, and of these Emma died in 1912. Mrs. Kurtz was born and reared and educated in this township, and her parents were German people. Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz became the parents of seven children. Edna, now twenty-four years of age, is a graduate of high school and college and holds a responsible position in Sandusky. Estella married Floyd Rockwell and died at the birth of her first child, Elmer Rockwell, who is now living with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz. Arthur completed his education in the Milan High School and is now a farmer in Erie County, and his brother John is likewise placed in life. Cleo died when three years of age. Sarah Elizabeth and Paul Rolland are both at home and students in the public schools.

Philip Kurtz. A resident of Erie County nearly all his life, Mr. Kurtz is the owner of a valuable farm in Milan Township, where he pursues his industry as a general farmer and stock raiser near Spears Corners. This has been his home for the past twenty-six years. Mr. Kurtz is not only one of the progressive and successful agriculturists of the county, but an upright, loyal and public spirited citizen.

The Kurtz farm comprises 180 acres, and most of it is under cultivation, while there is some acreage of good timber and considerable pasture land. Mr. Kurtz and family reside in an attractive rural home of nine rooms, and among other improvements that should be mentioned is a large barn built on a basement and with foundations 40x70 feet. The entire place presents a picture of comfortable prosperity, and the possession of such a home is an adequate reward for the enterprise and ambition of any progressive man.

The birth of Philip Kurtz occurred in Milan Township, September 13, 1864, not far from the Village of Milan. He grew up and received his education in this locality, and for fully thirty years has been numbered among the substantial farmers. He is of German ancestry, a son of Barthold and Elizabeth (Wihl) Kurtz. His father was born in 1822 along the River Rhine, and was still a young man when in 1844 he embarked on a sailing vessel at Bremen, and unaccompanied by relatives or friends, set out for America. After a voyage of nine weeks he landed

at New York, and soon afterward arrived in Huron, Ohio. Some years later he met and married in this county Miss Wihl. who was also a native of Germany, and had come with friends to the United States when a young girl. Both her parents had died when she was about two or three years old. After their marriage Barthold Kurtz and wife lived in the vicinity of Milan, where he combined the occupation of tailor and of farmer. He assisted his brother Henry, who for many years conducted a tailor shop in Milan. Both had learned their trade in Germany. Barthold Kurtz subsequently took up farming as his exclusive vocation and became the owner of seventy acres at North Milan. After effecting many improvements in the place he died there in April, 1904. His wife passed away in February, 1892, at the age of sixty-two. They were members of the German Lutheran Church, and helped to build up the church of that denomination at Monroeville. In politics he was a democrat. A brief record of their children is as follows: Mary is the wife of Fred Aves and lives in Marion County, Kansas, and has two sons and four daughters; Henry, who owns a farm in Milan Township, married Nettie Moore, of Milan, and they have one son and two daughters living, and lost one son at the age of twenty-three; Sophia is the wife of Riley Smith, and they live at Hastings, Nebraska, and have four sons and two daughters. Elizabeth B. is the widow of Benjamin F. Willcox, who died in Milan Township in 1904 and she now lives with her daughter Belle in Toledo, and her other children are Matilda, Harry and Dora, while two sons are deceased, and all her children are married except Belle; Adam, who is a meat dealer in Clayton, Ohio, has three sons and a daughter; and John B., a farmer, of North Milan, married and has five children living, two daughters and three sons.

On the farm where he now resides Mr. Kurtz was married to Miss Lizzie Anna Willcox. She comes of an old Ohio family, was born at Bowling Green in Wood County, September 18, 1870. When about four years of age she came to Milan Township with her parents, Robert and Elizabeth (Root) Willcox. Her father was born in Connecticut, and when a young man set out for California, making the voyage around the Cape Horn and spending some years in the lumber business in the West. On returning East he came by way of the isthmus, and soon afterwards settled in Erie County in Milan Township, where he married Miss Root, who was born in Erie County. Later Mr. Willcox lived three years in Illinois, came back to Erie County, and from there moved to Wood County, Ohio, where he conducted a large farm of 320 acres for seven years, and then for thirty-five years was engaged in the operation of the old Root farm at Spears Corners of Milan Township. From there he once more removed to Bowling Green in Wood County and died there in 1913 at the age of eighty-one. His widow is still living, being now seventy-five years of age. Mrs. Kurtz was one of three children. Her brother Robert died at the age of forty, leaving one son, Hart. Her sister Martha is the wife of George Chapman and they live at Bowling Green.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz have been born two children: Maude E., born April 19, 1890, attended the public schools and a business college, and is now the wife of Berton Karbler, a farmer in Sandusky County, and their one child is named Mildred E. Grover G., who was born August 16, 1891, also attended the public schools, finishing his education in the normal school at Sandusky, and is now at home. Mr. Kurtz and family attend the Presbyterian Church, and he and his son are democratic voters.

JOHN UPPER. There is a fine farm in Milan Township, not far from Avery and on Rural Route No. 2 out of Milan, which is a significant testimonial to the thrift and industry of a splendid German-American citizen, the late John Upper, and continues to bear fruit and furnish a home of beauty and comfort to its present proprietor, Miss Rena Upper, his daughter, who probably deserves first rank among the women of Erie County who are classed as farm owners and managers.

The late John Upper was born at Gittersdorf, Hessfeldt, Germany, August 30, 1809. He lived a long and industrious career, was a man of sound physical and mental stock, and had passed the eighty-seventh milestone of his mortal journey when he died at the old home on Milan Road near Avery, September 10, 1896. His father, also John Upper, spent all his life as a prosperous and thrifty farmer in Germany, and in the same locality where John Upper was born. Both parents died when about seventy years of age, and were lifelong communicants of the Presbyterian church. The late John Upper was the oldest in a family of three sons and three daughters. Two of the daughters came to America, Elizabeth and Barbara, they married in this country and left descendants. Elizabeth's one son, John, is now deceased, while Barbara's children are living in Missouri.

The father being a man in comfortable circumstances, John Upper grew up in Germany without any severe test of his practical ability as a working man. He was liberally educated, and at the age of twenty-four, when still unmarried, took passage on a sailing vessel at Bremen in the fall of 1834 and after seven weeks reached New York City. From there he came on to Milan in Erie County, and here first became acquainted with real privation and hardship. Unused to physical labor and without experience, he found great difficulty in finding employment, and literally had to sell part of his clothes before he could supply his daily wants. He finally got work at wages of twenty-five cents a day, and after that was continuously employed for a period of ten years by Laban Lowrey, a well known Erie County farmer. John Upper proved not only an efficient farm hand, but also exercised a degree of economy and thrift such as seems marvelous at the present time. At the end of seven years, though his wages were always small, as measured by modern standard, he had accumulated $1,400 capital, which he had loaned out at interest. Three years later he bought fourteen acres near what is now the Village of Avery. This he thoroughly improved, and invested from time to time in more land until his estate comprised sixty-one acres. Practically all of it had formerly been covered by a heavy growth of timber, and he cut his land from the forest, subdued the wild soil, and continued to cultivate crops there for one season after the other until the close of his period of activity, which was almost coextensive with his life. John Upper was a strong democrat in politics, and was frequently solicited to accept such offices in his home county as county commissioner and township trustee, though he was not an aspirant for such honors. He also was a regular attendant and a worker in the Presbyterian Church at Milan.

At the age of forty-four, in Milan, John Upper married Miss Anna Gertrude Wicker. She was born in Mawden, Germany, January 3, 1830, and in young womanhood came to the United States with five girl companions. It required nine weeks for her to make the voyage on an old fashioned sailing vessel from Bremen to New York, and from that city she came by way of the Hudson River and the Erie Canal to Buffalo, and thence to Huron, Ohio. In the same year she made the acquaintance of John Upper, and they were married. She was an old-fashioned housewife, devoted to her children and home, and took great pride in keeping her house spotlessly clean and constantly adorned with those touches

of beauty and comfort which the true housewife knows so well how to produce. She died very suddenly at the old homestead December 26, 1894. After her marriage she became, like her husband, a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church. She was generous both in her home and among her friends and in church, and there are many who will recall with gratitude this splendid woman who spent so many years in Erie County.

In the family of John Upper and wife were three daughters. Elizabeth first married John Reer, and her two children are by that marriage, namely: Rena, who died after her marriage to Albert Phillips, leaving a daughter, Gertrude E., now ten years of age; and Fred Reer, who is married and has two sons named Raymond and Harold. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Reer married Louis Light, and they now live on a fine farm at Shinrock in Berlin Township.

The youngest daughter of the late John Upper was Mary, who was also twice married. Her first husband was Martin Wicker, who was a farmer. She then married Conrad H. Cook. She died not long after her second marriage in 1902. There are no children surviving her.

Miss Rena Upper, the second child of John Upper, grew up on the farm where she was born and where she still lives. She was devoted to the care and welfare of both her parents as long as they lived, and has never married. Miss Upper is a woman of thorough intelligence and refinement and is especially distinguished among her neighbors for the skillful manner in which she conducts the forty-one acres of the fine farm which she inherited from her father. For many years she has made this farm produce abundant crops and fine stock, and the grounds about the old home she has rendered a triumph of effective landscape gardening. There is a beautiful lawn in front of the house, she grows flowers of many varieties, and has a neat and well kept garden. It is almost literally true that both the house and the grounds surrounding it are swept and kept clean every day. Miss Upper is a vivacious, witty and intelligent woman, keeps well posted on the affairs of the day, is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is insistently active in endeavoring to do good in her community.

John Scharer. Since the primary object of the history of any county is to preserve the names and careers of those citizens who have been longest identified with the community, there is special fitness in referring to the name and family of John Scharer, who has spent all his life in one locality of Milan Township, and whose parents were among the thrifty German immigrants of fifty or sixty years ago who so largely shaped and moulded the destinies of many agricultural communities in America.

The enterprise of John Scharer marked him out conspicuously among the general farmers and stock raisers of Milan Township. His home is on the Milan Road, and besides raising and feeding stock he also conducts a butcher business. His farm comprises 107 acres, well drained, with excellent soil, and improved with first class buildings. Conspicuous in the group of farm buildings is the large barn, 58x30 feet. His white house with green trimmings contains eight rooms, and he and his family have always lived in comfort and solid prosperity. Another feature that adds value to his farm and convenience to the social life of the community is the interurban electric line that passes almost by his doorway. Mr. Scharer makes his fields produce most abundant crops of the leading cereals. He takes from thirty to forty bushels of wheat from each acre, his corn crop frequently runs over 100 bushels an acre, and he usually expects about eighty bushels of oats. Like other progressive farmers, Mr. Scharer follows the rotation plan in crops, and

conserves the fertility of his soil by putting back in one form or another all the resources which his crops drain from the soil. One of his chief means of keeping up the quality of his soil is successive planting of clover in the different fields previously occupied by grain crops. He also grows large quantities of potatoes, about 800 or 1,000 bushels each season. Another crop which he has specialized in has been barley, which on his fields yields about fifty bushels per acre.

For twenty years Mr. Scharer has owned the farm to which he now gives intelligent management, as is indicated by the above statistics. He has handled it so well that it is now worth fully $200 an acre. It was on this farm and in the house he now owns and occupies that Mr. Scharer was born, October 2, 1865. He grew up in this one community, obtained his education from the local schools, and has been steadily at work in improving his land, doing his share of the work of the world for fully thirty years. Mr. Scharer speaks, reads and writes both the English and German languages.

His parents were John and Caroline (Schmidt) Scharer. His father was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, in 1826, while his mother was born in 1835 at Baden, Germany. The paternal grandparents spent all their lives in Switzerland. In 1856 John Scharer immigrated to the United States. There were few steam vessels making the voyage back and forth across the Atlantic at that time, and he came in a sailing vessel, which endured rough seas and was forty-eight days in crossing. After landing in New York he came West to Sandusky, and soon found employment on a farm in Groton Township. While thus employed he met and married in 1858 Miss Schmidt, who had come about the same time as her husband from Germany with her mother, her father having died in the fatherland. She worked as a domestic with a family in Groton Township until her marriage. For about four years after they began housekeeping they lived on a farm and conducted it on shares in Groton Township. From there they moved to Milan Township and in 1862 bought the land which is now the site of John Scharer's notable agricultural enterprise. The father was an industrious, unassuming and upright citizen, and his death occurred in Milan Township February 10, 1897. Some years later his wife was taken ill and died in the state hospital May 15, 1909. The parents now rest side by side in a cemetery which the father carved out of his own farm about half a century ago. Both were confirmed members of the Lutheran Church, having been reared in that faith in the old country, and they were among the organizers of the Lutheran Church at Union Corners. They were strong supporters and liberal givers to its work and maintenance and in the handsome new church edifice which was dedicated on February 28, 1915, their son John has placed a memorial window as a token of his love to his parents and of their active influence in building up this church. The Lutheran Church at Union Corners was organized in 1866, and its complete membership at that time comprised Peter Scheid, John Scharer, John Smith, Henry Rau, Philip Schnell, Jacob Schnell, Jacob Nicholas, William Hart, Henry Zorn, Jacob Bauer, Ernest Brown, and their respective families. The first church was built in 1868, and for half a century it has been one of the important centers of Lutheran church people in Erie County.

In the family of John and Caroline Scharer there were seven children: Jacob, now deceased; John; William; Carl, deceased; Caroline; Elizabeth; and Johanna, deceased. Three of these died as children, and those still living are all married.

John Scharer after reaching manhood was married on a farm adjoining his own to Miss Hannah Bachmann. Mrs. Scharer was born on the farm where she was married October 28, 1868, grew up there and

has always lived within a few stones' throw of her birthplace. Her parents were John and Maria (Bauer) Bachmann. Her father was born in Hessen, Germany, and her mother in Wuertemberg in that country, and as young people came to America by sailing vessel, locating in Erie County during the decade of the '50s. They grew up there, married, and after that event worked hard for a number of years in order to get a start and lay the foundations for home and family. Mr. Bachmann finally bought sixty-five acres, to which he subsequently added by purchase twenty-eight acres and later thirty-three acres, and this land, all adjoining and in one body he developed into an excellent farm before his death, which occurred August 15, 1884. He was then forty-five years of age, and though taken away prematurely, had accomplished a great deal to make his name respected and remembered by his descendants. His widow died in 1905 at the age of sixty-five. They were among the charter members of the Union Corners Lutheran Church, in which he served as a deacon for many years. Mrs. Scharer was one of several children. John, Mary, Elizabeth and Minnie are still living, while one sister, Catherine, died after her marriage, and other children died when quite young.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scharer have a happy household circle. Their son Albert, who is now employed with one of the electric railway lines at Sandusky, married Dora Jasper, and has two children named Margaret and Bernice. Laura is the wife of Lloyd Hart, and they live on a good farm in Milan Township and have two children, Alverna and Vesta. Meta, now twenty years of age, received her education in the public schools and is living at home; Norma is eighteen years of age and is also at home. John, aged sixteen, is a bright and ambitious student still attending the local schools, while the youngest, Lester, is twelve years of age and is also a schoolboy. Mr. and Mrs. Scharer and their family have all been confirmed as members of the Lutheran Church. Politically he is a republican.

Henry J. Kelley. The youngest man ever elected to the Board of County Commissioners in Erie County is Henry J. Kelley, who was not quite twenty-seven years old when that honor was paid him, and who is still giving much of his time and attention to the duties and respon sibilities of this office. There is perhaps no better known citizen of Erie County than Henry J. Kelley, and he is a splendid representative of the young and vigorous type of business men, farmers and citizens. He has large possessions in the agricultural district of the county, and also carries on a considerable business as a dealer in sand. His home is in Milan. In that township he has spent most of his life, was graduated from the Milan High School, graduated in 1907 from the Cleveland University School, and for one year was a student in Cornell University. Mr. Kelley is one of the ablest athletes who ever went from Erie County into the larger circles of collegiate and university sports. At Cornell he made a great reputation on the football team, and has been a follower of clean and wholesome sport since boyhood. He is essentially a student, particularly in the lines of applied science and politics. When only twenty-four years of age he was elected trustee of Milan Township and resigned from his first term in order to accept the nomination for county commissioner. He is a natural leader of men, and politics is a natural element for him. His large portly stature and commanding figure, furnishing a picture of rugged health, a vigorous mind in a vigorous body, have had much to do with his ability to make progress in business and politics. Commissioner Kelley has the frank, open and genial nature and thorough honesty which generates confidence wherever he goes. Ever since coming to years of manhood he has been

Henry J. Kelley.

a leader in the republican party of Erie County. Nominally Mr. Kelley is a farmer, owns a substantial property near Milan, though other affairs have taken so much of his time that it has become necessary to rent his valuable place and give over its cultivation to others. Among other interests he handles coal and has established a successful business.

Mr. Kelley was born in Milan September 17, 1888, and has many interesting relationships with some of the older families of Erie County. His parents were Frank and Ora Ann (Williams) Kelley. His father was born in Erie County, December 2, 1855, and the name of his parents was Streeter, and they died and left him an orphan, and when twenty months of age he was adopted and took the name of Capt. Henry Kelley. Captain Kelley was one of the fine old figures in early Erie County. He was born near Rochester, New York, March 1, 1816, and was himself orphaned when a child and grew up to the trades of ship carpenter and builder. He came to Milan when that village was one of the greatest ship building centers in America. Later he became prominent as a lake captain, and was master of the Surprise, the Monsoon, the Minot, the Mitchell, the Day Spring, and other boats that helped to handle the great grain cargoes that went out of the port of Huron. From 1831 for thirty years he was a sailor and master of boats on Lake Erie, keeping his home in Milan, where he spent his later years in quiet retirement and died in 1903 at the age of eighty-seven. He was a wealthy and prominent citizen, served the village as mayor, and also served as county commissioner for one term. He was first a whig and later a republican in politics. Captain Kelley married Betsey Jones, who was of Welsh family. She died in Milan some years before her husband.

Frank Kelley, under the direction of his foster parents, was given a substantial education in Milan and in the Oberlin Business College. He took up a career as a farmer and was also interested in various business matters at Milan. He has long occupied a substantial place in the community, and owns and occupies one of the most commodious homes of the village, having accumulated a substantial fortune through his long continued work as a farmer and business man. On May 30, 1877, in Milan Township, Frank Kelley married Ora Ann Williams.

The Williams family is one of the oldest and best known in Erie County. Ora Ann Williams was born on her father's farm near Milan, March 3, 1856, and died June 23, 1907. She was a woman of splendid qualities of mind and heart, and performed nobly every relationship imposed upon her as daughter, wife and mother. Her father is the venerable John L. Williams, who is now almost a century old and is passing his rapidly declining years in the Kelley home at Milan. John L. Williams was born in Wayne County, Ohio, November 4, 1816, a son of Daniel and Catherine (Harney) Williams. The parents were born and reared and married in Center County, Pennsylvania, and after four children were born to them there they set out in 1813 and became pioneers in Wayne County, Ohio, locating in the wilderness of Perry Township, where the father fashioned a cabin out of the logs from fresh cut trees on the site, and started his improvements on the land among the Indians and surrounded by the dense forest filled with wild game of all kinds. John L. Williams was the second white child born in that township. After he and the other children were partly grown, Daniel Williams moved and pushed into the new lands at Milan Township and Erie County. He came here during the '20s and secured a fine property two miles east of Milan Village. That farm is still owned by his descendants. Daniel Williams improved the land, and both he and his wife died there at the home of their son John, Daniel at the age of seventy-nine and his wife at the age of seventy-six. They now lie side

by side in the old Milan cemetery, where many of their descendants are also buried. Daniel Williams and wife were among the earliest members of the Methodist Protestant Church in Erie County, and had much to do with the founding and upbuilding of that denomination. John L. was the first of their five sons and seven daughters born in Ohio. All of them are now deceased except John, who in many ways is a most remarkable centenarian. His descendants and other members of younger generations can have only admiration and wonder at the tremendous work he was able to do in his time in improving the large farm which he has subsequently donated to other members of the family. He remained active and vigorous until past eighty years of age, and even after that was found almost daily working in his garden and performing other chores. He has reached a fullness of years such as seldom is bestowed upon mortal men, and by all is honored for his upright character and will bear the love and veneration of his large circle of friends and family to the grave. He has voted the republican ticket ever since that party was organized. In Wayne County, Ohio, John L. Williams married Mary, daughter of Peter Pittenger. She was born in Perry Township of Wayne County, near the old Williams home in 1824, and died at Milan in 1891. Like her husband, she possessed a large list of old time friends and neighbors, and some of them survive to mourn her loss.

To the marriage of Frank Kelley and wife were born a son and a daughter: Henry J. and Bessie May. Miss Bessie May is a highly educated and cultured young woman. She graduated from the Milan High School and from Oberlin College, took normal training in the Ypsilanti (Michigan) Normal, gained a life certificate as a teacher, and for several years taught in Michigan. She is a musician and artist, and some of her delicate and faithful pictures adorn the beautiful Kelley home.

Commissioner Kelley also has a wife and family. He was married at Norwalk to Miss Helen G. Harrington. She was born in Columbus, Ohio, April 28, 1889, was reared and received her education in Norwalk, and is a young woman of many qualities of social leadership and interested in the various social programs of Milan. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley have a daughter, Jean Elizabeth, born October 26, 1911. The family are members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Mrs. Kelley is a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Lamb) Harrington, who now make their home at Milan, Mr. Harrington being connected with the American Publishing Company of Norwalk.

William H. Beutel. In Erie County as elsewhere the day of the loose farming methods has almost passed. Farming is now both a practical and scientific business, and many of the most successful are pursuing it according to the intensive methods, making one acre grow what the old-fashioned farmer produced on two or three acres. There is probably no better and practical illustration of this new era in agricultural enterprise than is furnished by the firm of Beutel Brothers, farmers and stock raisers in Milan Township.

These brothers are sturdy young Germans, and in the course of twenty years have developed a business which is an object of pride to the entire township and would compare favorably in management and productiveness with any of the larger industrial and business concerns of the county. The partners are Carl G. and William H. Beutel. Their fine farm is located on the main road between Sandusky and Milan, and another valuable feature is the convenience of their farm to the line of the electric interurban road. These brothers have accumulated 211 acres of land. It is the fine soil with good bottom, and they have invested a

large amount of money in under-draining. They have two complete sets of farm buildings, and one of their barns is not surpassed in size and convenience of arrangement in the entire township. This barn stands on a basement foundation 40 by 70 feet. The Beutel Brothers believe in efficiency and have equipped this barn according to the results of their own experience so as to furnish the promptest and most satisfactory results. They handle the various details of their farm in the same way that a competent factory owner would get the best results from his men and machinery.

It was in 1894 that the Beutel Brothers started as farmers and stock raisers in this community, beginning with only a nucleus of their present handsome estate. They first bought forty-two acres, later added forty acres, and in 1906 purchased 127 acres adjoining. Their land is capable of growing every crop suited to this soil and climate, and in the past year their fields of wheat, thirty-seven acres, have produced about forty bushels to the acre, and the yield of oats has been about fifty bushels to the acre. They also grow corn, and have meadows of hay and clover. They employ the rotation plan of crop management, and every few years a field that has grown corn or other cereal is planted in clover in order to restore the richness of the soil. Both the brothers are also practical stock raisers, and each year feed up a large herd of steers, keep a number of cows, about 100 head of sheep and some hogs. Practically every bushel of grain and every pound of forage crop raised on their fields is fed in their own barn lot, and they are constantly building up their place and it is getting more valuable every year, whether measured from a standpoint of money value per acre or from fertility.

The Beutel Brothers were both born in Wuertemberg, Germany. Carl G. was born in 1865, and his brother William Henry was born in 1874. They grew up and received their education according to the German standards and practices, and the first of them to come to America was William H., who made the journey across the ocean and located in Erie County in 1891. Later in the same year his brother Carl G. and their sister Amelia and their father, Christian Beutel, likewise came to this country. Christian Beutel died in Erie County in 1909, when seventy-four years of age. He was a baker by trade, had followed that occupation in Germany, and his son Carl G. had also been trained along the same lines. William H. learned the trade of butcher, and that was his means of self-support after coming to America prior to embarking in his present business as a farmer and stock raiser. The sister Amelia is now the wife of Fred Ruff, an engineer living at Sandusky. The mother of these children died in Germany in 1889 at the age of forty-eight. Her maiden name was Catherine Bauer. All the family are members of the Lutheran Church, the sons are democrats, and their father adhered to the same political faith.

C. Victor Turner. When a citizen of any community has lived to the age of more than three score and ten years, maintaining through all vicissitudes an unblemished character, faithfully meeting the obligations incident to his lot and discharging with manly fidelity the duties incumbent upon him in all the relations of life, it is eminently appropriate that the story of his career be placed in enduring form. The foregoing lines apply with obvious pertinence to C. Victor Turner, of Milan Township, who as soldier, citizen and agriculturist is entitled to the good will and esteem of the people of his community, among whom he has lived and labored for so many years.

Mr. Turner was born in a log cabin on the old Turner homestead in Milan Township, a part of which property he still occupies, November

20, 1843, and is a son of Alvin and Sophia (Carpenter) Turner. His grandfather was Peter Turner, a native of Connecticut, who moved as a young man to Massachusetts, and later, as an early pioneer, to Victor, Ontario County, New York. Alvin Turner was born at Stockbridge, Massachusetts, and as a boy was taken to Victor, New York, where he resided until 1835. In that year, deciding to seek his fortunes in the West, he mounted his horse and traveled across the country to Ohio, where, in company with his brother, Benjamin D., he purchased 344 acres of land, along each side of the Huron and Milan Road, in Milan Township, paying therefor at the rate of $12 per acre. This land was but partly improved, but the brothers settled down to its cultivation and continued to operate it as partners until the death of Benjamin D. Turner. At that time one-half of the property was deeded to his widow by Alvin Turner, who took over the management of the other half and continued as its owner until his death in 1865. He was an industrious, thrifty, painstaking and progressive farmer, practical in his views yet possessed of the courage to try new methods, and out of his labors won a satisfying success. He improved his land in numerous ways, and his substantial farm buildings included a large and well equipped barn and a brick house of modern construction and attractive appearance. When he came to Ohio it was as a bachelor, but in 1844 he was married in Milan Township to a young Quakeress, Sophia Carpenter, who was born in Westchester County, New York, who had been brought as a child to Ohio. She was born 1807 and died in 1882, at the age of seventy-five years, in the faith of the Episcopal Church, which she and her husband had supported in their declining years. Mr. Turner was active in the councils of the democratic party, although his only interest in public life was that taken by a public-spirited citizen. There were three sons in the family, all of whom became soldiers during the Civil war: Martin V., C. Victor and George V. Martin V. Turner was engaged in farming until the Civil war, when he enlisted and served for some months in Company C, Eighty-eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and when his services were completed returned to his agricultural pursuits. He died at the Soldiers' Home at Sandusky, at the age of seventy-one years, leaving two sons. George V. Turner was for two years a member of Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and while serving on the skirmish line in front of Atlanta, was shot through the lungs, two of his ribs being knocked loose from his spinal column. Although apparently mortally wounded, he was taken to the hospital, made a quick recovery and was paroled to his home, and after a few months was sufficiently well to rejoin his regiment at the front. He was honorably discharged at the close of the war and returned to his home where he carried on farming pursuits until his retirement, and since that time has been living at the Old Soldiers' Home, at Sandusky. He has been the father of five children, of whom three are living. One of his sons, Alvin Turner, was a marine on the battleship Oregon, the flagship of the Pacific fleet, at the time of the Boxer troubles in China, in which he met his death, his body being returned to San Francisco, California, and interred in the National Cemetery. Another of his sons, Frank Turner, has been in the United States Army for sixteen years, participated in the war with the Philippines, and now has headquarters at Pensacola, Florida. On the Soldiers' Monument at Sandusky, on the roll of the heroes who fought in defense of liberty, are to be found the names of Martin V., C. Victor and George V. Turner.

C. Victor Turner was reared and educated in Erie County, attending the district and normal schools, and when but eighteen years of age, July 22, 1862, enlisted in Company M, First Ohio Heavy Artillery, as a private, Capt. H. J. Bly, Col. C. D. Hawley. The regiment went first

to Covington, Kentucky, where it was in defense of Cincinnati until February, 1864, when the command was transferred to Knoxville, Tennessee, in defense of the railroads in that state. While Mr. Turner experienced numerous hardships during his army life, he never saw heavy fighting, and returned to his home safely after receiving his honorable discharge at the close of the war at Knoxville, being mustered out of the service at Camp Dennison. Since that time he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, and at the present time is the owner of 100 acres of very desirable land, all under a high state of cultivation and improved with up-to-date buildings and other improvements. His operations have been successful, for he has brought to his labor industry, intelligence and well-directed energy, and today he is considered one of the substantial men of his community. Always a democrat in his political views, Mr. Turner has been active in his party's interests. He has at various times been a delegate to county, judicial and congressional conventions, was elected a member of the board of commissioners for Erie County in 1883 and served in that capacity for three years. His reputation among those with whom he has had transaction is that of an honorable and upright man, reliable in his dealings and faithful in all his engagements.

Mr. Turner was married in 1873, in Huron Township, Erie County, Ohio, to Miss Rhoda A. Hardy, who was born in Lorain County, Ohio, January 16, 1851, and was reared and educated in that county until she was sixteen years of age, since which time she has resided in Huron and Milan Townships, Erie County. She is a daughter of Charles and Katharine (Whitney) Hardy, natives of Binghamton, New York, who had come as children with their respective parents to Lorain County, and lived in Camden Township as farmers all their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Hardy spent some twelve years in Erie County and then returned to Lorain County, where their parents had died, and where they, too, passed away, both past sixty years and in the faith of the Christian Church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Turner there has been born one son: Wade H., born in 1876, who was educated in the local schools and at Oberlin College, and since that time has been a farmer, at present operating the home farm and residing with his parents. He married Miss Dora Moore, of Milan Township, and they have five children: Alvin M., eight years old and attending school; Ella M., who is six years old and also a pupil; Grace A., aged four years; and Claud and Clark, twins, aged eighteen months.

William Molt. Erie County has no better source of supply for fine bakery products than the Molt establishment at Milan. William Molt is a practical and scientific baker, and an excellent business man as well, and at Milan, which has been his home for about twenty years, he has conducted and built up an enterprise which is a credit to that village.

His success has all been made since he came to America a poor boy about a quarter of a century ago. He was born in Wuertemberg, Germany, June 21, 1870. In the same locality where he was born both his parents and his grandparents lived and died. His grandfather was a farmer. William Molt is a son of John and Maggie (Weiler) Molt. His mother's father was George Weiler, who had a reputation in that section of Germany as a flour miller. His son George Weiler served in the German Revolution of 1848, and was so severely injured that he died soon after his discharge. All these families were closely identified with the German Lutheran Church. John Molt died in Germany at the age of seventy-three, and his wife at the age of fifty. They were the parents of six sons and two daughters. Four of the sons and one daughter came to the United States.

William Molt came to this country with his brother Jacob in company with their uncle Charles Molt. They emigrated in 1887, starting from Bremen and making an unusually quick passage for those days, only six days and six hours elapsing from the time they left Bremen until they arrived in New York City. From there they came on to Cleveland, lived in that city for about seven years, and the uncle then moved out to Wayne County, Illinois, where he is still living on his farm and has a wife and children. Later two other Molt brothers came to this country, Fred and John. Fred became a farmer and is now living in the State of Oregon and has a family. John located in Chicago, and for six or eight months was employed in a sausage factory, and while engaged in that work accidentally fell into a vat containing boiling water and died as a result of injury. He left a widow and four children back in Germany, where his widow still lives. Jacob Molt, who came with his brother William to this country, died while working at Norwalk, Ohio, and was still unmarried.

In 1893 William Molt came to Milan. As a boy back in Germany he had learned the trade of baker in the fine old university Town of Goeppingen, and worked as a journeyman while living in Cleveland for seven years. On going to Milan he bought a small bakeshop and has since employed his own technical ability as a baker and his business judgment to build up and extend his enterprise to one of the best in Erie County. The output of his ovens include about 2,500 loaves of bread each week and a large variety of other bakery products, which have a wide sale and are recognized as standard goods of the class. Mr. Molt's business is conducted in a large and prominent block, with a frontage of 51½ feet and 70 feet in depth. Half of his store is fitted up as an ice cream parlor. Another branch of his business is the handling of flour and feed, and he also has a shelf loaded with a supply of sundry groceries. This block was formerly known as the Andrews Block, but after Mr. Molt came into possession of it he remodeled it and it is now known as the Molt Block.

In Milan Village Mr. Molt married Miss Augusta Collman. She was born in Milan, grew up and received her education there and is a daughter of Herman and Louisa (King) Collman. Her father was born in Wuertemberg and her mother in Bavaria. Her mother came to this country with her parents when she was thirteen years of age and they located in Huron, where she was reared and lived until her marriage. Her grandfather, Ernst King, went out to California following the discovery of gold on the Pacific Coast during 1849-50, and was never heard of again. Within less than a year his wife had died of grief because of his absence. Herman Collman and wife were married in Milan, and he was a ship and house carpenter by trade, and died during the winter of 1897 at the age of sixty-four. His widow passed away March 14, 1915, at the age of eighty-one. They were members of the Lutheran Church and he was a republican in politics. There were ten children in the Collman family, including Fred, George, Mrs. Molt, Louis, John and Mark. John and Mark are still unmarried.

Mr. and Mrs. Molt take an active interest in the work of the Presbyterian Church at Milan. In local affairs his name has been usefully and influentially associated with the village for a number of years. He has served as a member of the water board and is now on the city council. Politically he votes with the republican organization. The principles and benefits of fraternalism have always appealed to Mr. Molt, and he is identified with several of the older and standard organizations. He is affiliated with Lodge No. 239 of the Masons, with the Royal Arch Chapter No. 135 at Milan, with the Council No. 24 R. & S. M. and with the Knight Templar Commandery No. 18 at Norwalk. He is also interested

in the Scottish Rite degrees and belongs to the Consistory at Toledo and to the Temple of the Mystic Shrine in the same city. In Odd Fellowship he belongs to the Lodge at Milan, of which he is a past grand, and to the Encampment at Norwalk. Mr. Molt is also a member of the Knights of the Maccabees.

Capt. Hugh Hastings. Of the many fine characters that sailed the Great Lakes it is doubtful if there was one who represented a better type of physical manhood and thorough manliness than the late Capt. Hugh Hastings, who is deserving of long memory in Erie County, particularly at Milan, where he lived for more than half a century and where his widow and daughter still have their beautiful home. Captain Hastings was a true sailor, and life on the water was to him a delight as well as a profession. He lived past eighty years, and to the last retained the splendid physical proportions which were an excellent environment for his sterling character. He made a most imposing figure on the bridge of the vessels which he commanded on Lake Erie for many years, and while he was a strict disciplinarian and a prompt and vigorous executive, he was also noted for his essential kindliness in his relations with subordinates.

His life began in County Down, Ireland, October 6, 1834, and came to a close in the beautiful home at Milan, January 6, 1915. His father, Robert Hastings, was of an old Protestant Scotch-Irish family of County Down. The splendid physical attributes which Captain Hastings exemplified were more or less characteristic of the entire family, since most of them were large in build and proportions, and distinguished for strength of body and mind. Robert Hastings married a native of his own county and in 1840 the little family set out for the United States. The voyage was made on a slow sailing vessel, and from New York they came on west by the Hudson River, Erie Canal route to Buffalo, and thence in a small boat to Huron and Milan. At that time Milan was the center of traffic in Northern Ohio for the grain products raised in the surrounding agricultural neighborhood, and was also one of the prominent ship building centers around the lake. Besides the parents there were the following children who came to Milan fully seventy-five years ago: Jane, Hugh, James, Robert, Jr., and Maria. Two others were born at Milan, William and Maggie. All these are now living except Jane and the late Captain Hugh and all of them married and had families except Robert, Jr. Robert Hastings, the father, after coming to Milan acquired a few acres of land, and followed farming. His wife died when about three score years of age at Huron. The father later worked on the lake on boats captained by his son, and at his death was quite an old man. Robert and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church and in politics he was a republican.

Capt. Hugh Hastings grew up in Milan, acquired his education there, and from early childhood all his desires and thoughts were of a seafaring life. While a child back in his Irish home, which was close to the sea, he would stand for hours watching the vessels that sailed by, and this early longing and imagination proved the dominating influence in his life. When still a boy he gained his first practical experience on lake boats and when hardly past twenty-one was master of a vessel, the Darian. Later he became captain of the Jura, the Hyphen, the Amaranth and others, and for ten years was in command of several vessels operated by the Valentine Fries Company. After more than forty years in the lake service he retired in 1900, and there was no veteran mariner on the lake who had a better record for efficiency, for safe conduct of his vessel and cargoes, and for all round ability as a seaman than Captain Hastings. In lake marine circles he was one of the most familiar figures

and had a host of friends and acquaintances at every port around Lake Erie, and it is of record that he made the fastest run of any master between the ports of Toledo and Buffalo.

In the meantime his home for a great many years had been at Milan and there he spent the months when lake navigation was closed, and lived there in quiet retirement for the fifteen years before his death. His wife, while he was away engaged in his duties, put up the beautiful home in which she now resides. This is a twelve-room modern residence on Center Street, and is located on the same lot where they occupied a small cottage after their marriage more than fifty years ago. For ten years Captain Hastings was a member of the cemetery board at Milan and held that position at the time of his death. He was a strong republican, a Blue Lodge Mason with Milan Lodge 239, F. & A. M., and had maintained that affiliation since he was twenty-five years of age.

At the Village of Milan September 23, 1864, Capt. Hugh Hastings married Miss Elizabeth E. Edridge. She was born in Norwalk, Ohio, seventy-four years ago, but was reared and educated at Milan, and had taught school before her marriage. She is a woman of thorough culture, and for a long period of years has been devoted to home and family and to kindly service among her friends and the community. For more than half a century her home has been on one lot in Milan, where she and Captain Hastings started housekeeping in a small cottage and she still owns that cottage. She has other valuable property interests in the village. Her parents were Charles and Nancy J. (Latham) Edridge. Her father was born in Gloucestershire, England, about the year 1810, and was a young man when he immigrated to the United States and located at Norwalk in Huron County, Ohio, and a little later met and married his wife there. She was a native of New London, Connecticut, and had been brought when an infant to Norwalk, where her father died not long afterwards, and the widow then returned to Connecticut and spent the rest of her years there. Mrs. Edridge and her twin sister subsequently returned to Norwalk, and she lived there until her marriage to Mr. Edridge, after which they lived in Huron County for several years and then made their home in Milan. Mr. Edridge was a grocery merchant at Milan for a number of years and died in that village when nearly fourscore years of age. His widow passed away some years later and was ninety-three years six months old. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Hastings had a brother and sister, Nelson and Mary, who were twins. Nelson is married and lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota, while Mary, who is deceased, was the widow of Capt. John Coulter, another old Lake Erie captain. Of the Coulter children there are two living daughters, Fannie and Libby, the latter now married. Captain Hastings and wife had only one daughter, Carrie E., who grew up in Milan, received good advantages in the schools, and is now living with her mother in their beautiful and attractive home.

William J. Smith. In the fine little City of Huron Mr. Smith has built up a large and substantial business as a dealer in produce, and he has made a specialty of the buying and shipping of potatoes, a product for which this favored section of the Buckeye State has gained high reputation.

Mr. Smith takes justifiable pride in his ancestral history and is a scion of a family that was early founded in the State of Virginia, where his paternal grandparents passed their entire lives and where his father was born and reared, the name having been closely and successfully linked with agricultural enterprise in the historic Old Dominion. The grandparents of Mr. Smith attained to venerable age, both were con-

sistent members of the Baptist Church, and they were residents of Cumberland County, Virginia, at the time of their death.

James Smith, father of the subject of this review, was born in Cumberland County, Virginia, in the early part of the nineteenth century, and his death occurred in the year 1855. He was a successful planter and was the owner of a number of slaves, these having been given by him to his brother Charles, as he had become convinced that within ten years all slaves would be given liberty, a prophecy that came true within the decade after his death. He personally held much antipathy to the institution of slavery but in a degree was constrained by the customs of his native state, within whose gracious borders he continued to reside until the close of his life. His widow, Mrs. Lucy Smith, came to Ohio after his death and passed the closing years of her life in the home of her son Robert, in Medina County, where she died at the venerable age of eighty-four years of age, her earnest religious faith having been that of the Baptist Church. She became the mother of seven children, all of whom attained to years of maturity, the eldest of the number having been Rev. Charles Smith, who became a clergyman of the Methodist Church and who was a resident of Kentucky at the time of his death, one son and one daughter surviving him. Robert, whose wife is deceased, is still one of the substantial farmers of Medina County, and with him resides his brother John, who is a bachelor. William J., of this sketch, was the next in order of birth; Dr. Edward Smith became a successful physician and was a resident of Berea, Ohio, at the time of his death, several children surviving him. Nancy, who is the widow of Frank Peek, resides at Milan, Erie County, and has one son and one daughter. Mary is the wife of Charles Brasse, of Lorain County, and they have one daughter.

William J. Smith was born on the old home place in Cumberland County, Virginia. There he was reared to the age of nineteen years, and such were the conditions and exigencies of time and place that he received in his youth practically no definite school advantages, but his alert mentality and broad and varied experience in later years having enabled him effectually to overcome this educational handicap.

In 1866, the year following the close of the Civil war, Mr. Smith provided a covered army wagon and a team of horses, and with this primitive vehicle he transported his mother and most of his brothers and sisters to Ohio, the journey having covered a period of twenty-seven days and the family having encamped at night by the wayside, while en route to the new home. Arriving at Union Corners, Erie County, the sons soon obtained a home for the family at Page's Corners, and later William obtained a position in the employ of Deacon Scott, under whose direction he acquired his first specific educational training, which was later supplemented by his attending school at Berea, Cuyahoga County. For many days he carried his books about with him when possible, and by his assiduous application in otherwise leisure moments he finally acquired a fair degree of scholastic training.

Since the year 1868 Mr. Smith has been a grower of potatoes, and in the initial stage of his enterprise along this line he paid two cents a pound for the famous old Early Rose variety of potatoes, his first crop having brought forth a splendid increase and netted him an appreciable profit. He finally extended his operations by engaging in the buying and shipping of potatoes, and with this branch of commercial enterprise he has been successfully identified for many years, so that he naturally pays due respect to the humble tuber which has in a sense been the basis of his prosperity. His operations have been of extensive order and he has gained throughout this section of Ohio the familiar and significant sobriquet of "Potato Smith," a distinction to which he has never

objected in the least. Mr. Smith handles each year an average of 100 cars of potatoes, the product being purchased in Erie and adjoining counties and then shipped to the leading markets. Mr. Smith maintains his home at Huron, and is known and honored as one of the steadfast and reliable business men of the older generation in Erie County, where his circle of friends is limited only by that of his acquaintances.

Mr. Smith is a stalwart and well fortified advocate of the principles of the republican party, takes a loyal interest in public affairs of a local order and is now serving his second term as trustee of Huron Township. He is an ardent temperance man and his example is well worthy of emulation, for he has never taken a drink of spirituous liquor and never chewed or smoked tobacco. He is one of the most genial, optimistic and companionable of men, and a more loyal friend has never called for the friendship of others. He and his family hold membership in the Presbyterian Church.

In the City of Sandusky, this county, was solemized the marriage of Mr. Smith to Miss Louise Woodward, who was there born and reared and who is a daughter of Edward R. and Jane (Stapleton) Woodward, who were early settlers of that city, where they continued to reside until their death, Mr. Woodward having been for many years in charge of the oil department of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad at that point. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have four sons, all of whom have conferred honor on the name which they bear: Edward G., who is successfully established in business at Madison, Lake County, is married but has no children; William J. is identified with the sand industry at Sandusky, is married but has no children: Harvey W., who remains at the parental home, is associated with his father in the produce business and is an enterprising and popular young business man of his native county; Andrew is engaged in the grocery business at Huron, where he has a finely equipped store and caters to a representative trade: he married Miss Vera M. Hart, of this city, and they have a daughter, Vera May.

Henry J. Kishman. Some of the best farms in Vermilion Township have as their proprietors people either of German birth or German parentage. No element has been of greater influence and benefit as developers of the soil and as good citizens in Vermilion Township than the people of the fatherland. The Kishman family has long been prominent in Vermilion Township, and one of its representatives is Henry J. Kishman.

He is a farmer who thoroughly understands his business and has made his enterprise not only profitable to himself but a factor in the community welfare. He owns a fine place of 106 acres in Vermilion Township on Rural Route No. 2 out of Huron. His land is nearly all under cultivation, and season after season he has succeeded in growing the finest of crops of corn, wheat, oats and potatoes. Among other good farm buildings he has a substantial twelve-room house. Mr. Kishman also owns forty acres of highly improved land on the lake shore in the same township, and that has building improvements, including a substantial barn.

On the first farm mentioned Mr. Kishman has had his home steadily since 1889. He was born on a place along the lake shore in Vermilion Township April 21, 1863, and as a boy attended school in subdistrict No. 3. His parents were Werner and Eliza (Lutz) Kishman. His father was born in Kurhessen, Germany, in 1843, and when a young man came across the ocean on a sailing vessel to America, locating first in Vermilion, Erie County, there learning a trade as blacksmith. He met and married in Brownhelm, Lorain County, Miss Eliza Lutz. After their marriage they moved to the farm on the lake shore in Vermilion

William Wheelock

Township, where they were confronted by a pioneer undertaking in the clearing and developing of their land. There the wife and mother passed away in April, 1896, aged fifty-six years. Werner Kishman died at the home of his daughter in Sandusky May 20, 1911, when in his seventy-third year. He was a democrat in politics, and served in local offices in his home township. He and his wife were confirmed members of the German Reformed Church, and he was a charter member of the Mittewanga German Reformed Church.

Henry J. Kishman was the oldest in a family of six, four sons and two daughters, all of whom are married and still live in Erie County. Mr. Kishman himself was married in Vermilion Township to Miss Bertha Reiber. She was born, reared and educated in the same township, and is the daughter of John Reiber, long one of the prominent citizens here of German birth and ancestry. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Kishman are three in number. Catherine like her brothers acquired a good education in the public schools and is still at home. Werner is unmarried and is an active farmer on his father's place. John is still a student in the public schools, being in the eighth grade. Mr. and Mrs. Kishman and children are all members of the German Reformed Church, in which he is an elder. Politically he is a democrat. He and his wife have taken a specially active part in church affairs and they are people who maintain the highest standards of morality and do all they can to make their community a better place to live in.

William Wheelock. While the late William Wheelock spent only a few years at Milan, where he died November 27, 1897, he is recalled by a great many people here as a pleasant and genial gentleman, a successful business man, and Mrs. Wheelock is still identified with this interesting Erie County town and has increased the quality of respect and esteem which are associated with the name. In many ways Mrs. Wheelock is a remarkable woman, and like her brothers and sisters, possesses a thorough business ability, and is still active in mind and body and is well informed on all current topics.

The late William Wheelock was born in the State of Rhode Island in 1830 and was sixty-seven years of age when he passed away. His parents were Manning and Mabora (Southwick) Wheelock. His father was a native of Rhode Island, while his mother was born in Mendon, Massachusetts, and of the fine old Massachusetts stock that became prominent as bread manufacturers. Manning Wheelock some years after his marriage moved to Connecticut, and was overseer of a large farm belonging to a milling company. He died on the farm and he and his wife were both buried there but were subsequently removed to the Enfield Cemetery, where they now lie side by side. They were the parents of six children as follows: Harriet, Daniel, Manning, William, John and Cynthia; all now deceased. All are buried in the cemetery at Enfield, Connecticut, except William, who is interred at the Ames Circle, Saratoga, New York. Daniel Wheelock has one son living and he resides at Thompsonville, Connecticut, where he lives retired.

On the old Connecticut farm William Wheelock grew to manhood. Subsequently going to Rockville, Connecticut, he became associated with William Skinner, and they built up an extensive business as retail meat dealers. He was very skillful as a cutter of meat, but impaired health finally obliged him to retire from the business, and for a time he lived at Saratoga, New York. From there he moved to Minonk, in Woodford County, Illinois, and took the management of a large store owned by his brother-in-law, Miner T. Ames, one of the extensive coal operators in that section of Illinois. He was very successful in manag-

ing this company store, and his personal popularity added not a little to the prestige of Mr. Ames. From Illinois Mr. Wheelock finally removed to Milan, Ohio, and spent the rest of his days there somewhat retired. He was an active republican in politics, his parents were orthodox Quakers, while he was himself a Presbyterian.

Mr. Wheelock married for his first wife Henrietta Bush, daughter of Capt. John Bush, of Enfield, Connecticut. She died when her only son, Frank Howard, was two years of age, and was laid to rest in the Enfield Cemetery. Her son, Frank H., was reared in his father's home, was given a good education, and had a thorough training in merchandising in the store of his uncle, Mr. Ames, in Illinois. Subsequently he took the office management of the firm of Meeker & Hedstrum, coal dealers, at Chicago. While there he died about twenty years ago, after having opened for himself a most promising career. He was laid to rest beside his father in the Ames Circle at the Saratoga Cemetery in New York. At the time of his death Frank H. Wheelock was engaged to be married to Anna E. Meacham.

Mr. Wheelock was married in Chester, Massachusetts, to Mrs. Lucy (Ames) Gibbs. Her former husband was Nelson D. Gibbs, and was born in Blanford, Massachusetts, was enjoying a promising career as a farmer at Chester, Massachusetts, at the time of his death in 1862 when in the prime of life. He was an active member of the Congregational Church and in politics a republican. He left a daughter, Mary Ella Gibbs, who died of measles at the age of thirteen.

Mrs. Wheelock was born at Becket, Massachusetts, October 6, 1834, and during her girlhood she walked a mile to attend the village schools. Her parents were Justin M. and Anna H. (Chaffee) Ames. Her mother was the daughter of Thomas and Abigail (Knowlton) Chaffee, while Abigail Knowlton was the daughter of Colonel Knowlton, one of the heroes in the Battle of Bunker Hill. Justin M. Ames and wife spent all their lives in the farming community around North Becket. His wife died there at the age of fifty-six, leaving ten children. Mr. Ames subsequently married Calista Harriet Bracket, and they moved to Saratoga, New York, where she died in middle life without children. Mr. Ames for his third wife married Harriet, the only sister of the late William Wheelock. They lived at Thompsonville, Connecticut, where Mrs. Ames died when past seventy-five years of age, and was laid to rest at Enfield, Connecticut. Mr. Ames had died several years previously at the same place at the age of eighty-seven, and was laid beside his first wife at Becket. All his marriages were happy and most congenial.

Mention of the Ames children, of which Mrs. Wheelock was one, is briefly recorded as follows: Samantha married Joshua Barnard, and in territorial times went to the Northwest frontier and improved a farm in the wilderness of Minnesota, where Mrs. Barnard died and where he afterwards married, and subsequently lived at Port Huron, Michigan; there are no children now living by his first marriage. Zeruah became the wife of Joseph Osborn of Becket, Massachusetts, who was a tanner by trade and subsequently established a tannery at Girard, Pennsylvania, and died there, leaving a son, Bert, who is now married and lives in California. Chaffee S. Ames spent his life as a farmer in Saratoga County, New York, and died leaving a daughter, Ellen, who is now married and occupies the old homestead. George Ames also lived in Saratoga County, New York, died there at the age of sixty-one, and his widow is still living. The next in order of age is Mrs. Wheelock. Lucinda became the wife of James Meacham, of Middlefield, Massachusetts, where he died, and she subsequently removed to Milan and is now living with her children in that village, the children being Anna E.,

James Alfred and Wilson A. Minor T. Ames has already been mentioned as a coal operator in Woodford County, Illinois, though he made his home in Chicago, where he died. He was twice married, having children by both wives, and Knowlton Chaffee Ames, of the first marriage, is living in Chicago, while Adelaide, of the second marriage, is the wife of Mr. Ross, a prominent attorney of Chicago, and another daughter, Hattie, married Mr. McCormick, who was for a number of years identified with the management of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel at New York City. Wilson Ames became a distiller of cologne spirits in Chicago, and later a coal operator at Seymour, Illinois, and at his death was buried in the Ames Circle at Saratoga, New York; his widow and son, Hamilton, now live in Brooklyn, New York, where the son is engaged in manufacturing. Juda was for many years in charge of a department in the great store of Marshall Field & Company, in Chicago, also bought goods for the firm for several years in Europe, and finally retired to Norwalk, Ohio, and died there at the age of fifty-six. Franklin Ames was for thirty years buyer and head of the wholesale carpet department of Marshall Field & Company, and subsequently acquired an interest as a stockholder in that business, but retired a few years ago, and has a son and daughter.

Patrick J. Milan. There are few citizens of Erie County more widely known over the country at large than Patrick J. Milan. While he is classed as a farmer and at that one of the largest and most successful in Oxford Township, his earlier experiences were all with railroad affairs, and in that profession he gained only less distinction than his noted brother, Capt. Thomas Milan, for twenty years motive power chief of the National Railways of Mexico and subsequently president of the Vera Cruz and Pacific Railway—a position he held for a long time. Many years ago he went into Texas during the early railroad period of that state and served as captain in the Texas State Militia, from whence he gets his title, was never married and now retired, resides in California.

This branch of the Milan family originated in Ireland, where Patrick J. Milan was born in County Galway, December 26, 1843. His parents were Thomas and Cecelia (Rowan) Milan, also natives of County Galway. Thomas Milan with his wife in 1848 emigrated to America, and in May, 1849, established his home in Sandusky, where he found employment with the Mad River & Lake Erie Railroad Company, while he served in various capacities for thirty-five years, and died at Sandusky, widely known and respected in 1897. Circumstances and conditions were such that when Thomas Milan and wife emigrated from Ireland they were obliged to leave their three children, among them Patrick J., then five years of age, in charge of his wife's sister, Miss Nora Rowan. In 1851 Miss Rowan brought the three children to America, and they were reunited with their parents at Sandusky.

Patrick J. held positions of great responsibility with railway companies, as general manager of the Rio Grande & Eagle Pass Railway of Texas, general master mechanic of the Cotton Belt Route, master mechanic of the main shops of Central Railway of Georgia at Savannah, at that time the largest in the old South; left there to take charge of the Pan-American Railway as its general superintendent, the world's great scenic line, the objective being to connect the Americas, to make the New Yorker and Patagonian next door neighbors. From the latter position Mr. Milan resigned to live on and develop his Erie County farm.

Ameol Boos. In the field of agriculture it has frequently happened that the fathers have secured the broad and fertile tracts of land which

the sons have brought to their full capacity of productiveness. The rough, preliminary labors of the pioneers have been as necessary as the developing work of the later generation; all combine for the general advancement of the wonderful agricultural interests of Ohio. Of the men of Erie County who are engaged in farming operations on land secured originally by their fathers, Ameol Boos, of Huron Township, is a sterling representative of that class of reliable, industrious men who are acknowledged to be broad and scientific in their methods. He was born at Sandusky, Ohio, September 11, 1855, and is a son of George and Catherine (Miller) Boos.

The parents of Mr. Boos were born in Germany and there reared and educated and married in their native land, probably in the Province of Baden. The father was reared to the trade of locksmith, which he followed for some years in Germany, and following his marriage he and his wife went to South America, where they resided about one year, their oldest child, Sophia, being born in that country. In the early '50s the family came to North America and after landing at New York City made their way to Sandusky, Ohio, from whence, in 1852 or 1853, they came to Huron Township. The father purchased twenty-five acres of almost wild land, on which he built a little home, and began to clear and cultivate this primitive farm, under the direction of Mrs. Boos, who had been brought up on a farm in Germany. As the children grew up they assisted their parents in the work of development, and later fifteen acres were added to the original purchase, this subsequently being added to from time to time until the homestead consisted of 105 acres. Here the father erected a good home of seven rooms to replace the first little dwelling, as well as a substantial barn, 30 by 83 feet. He was an industrious and energetic worker and learned to be a good farmer, putting in a great deal of open ditches, which have since been covered by his son. It may be said that this farm is nearly perfect as regards drainage, for there are more than 50,000 tile here. The land grows fine crops of all kinds of grain, the wheat fields yielding an average of thirty bushels per acre, while potatoes are also grown in great quantities. Throughout his life George Boos continued to intelligently till his fields, and through a career of honest and straightforward dealing won the respect and esteem of the people of his community. His death occurred July 14, 1909, when he was eighty-seven years of age, while Mrs. Boos passed away April 13, 1893, aged nearly seventy-six years. She was a Catholic, while Mr. Boos was a member of the Lutheran Church. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Boos: Sophia, who died after marriage; Ameol, of this notice; Amelia, who was married and met her death in a railroad accident on the Lake Shore Railroad at Sandusky, Ohio, in 1897; Mrs. Lena Post, of Huron; and Mrs. Mary Heminger, of Perkins Township, Erie County.

Ameol Boos was born in Sandusky, but when he was a few weeks old his mother returned to the farm and here he has passed his entire life. He was given the educational advantages to be secured in the public schools, and was carefully reared to agricultural pursuits, which he has made his life work. At the time of his father's death he succeeded to the ownership of the home farm, and has since added twenty-five acres to it, now having a finely-cultivated tract of 130 acres. He does general farming, and his life has been one of quiet and uninterrupted devotion to his home and surroundings, and out of his labor and experience has come the regard of all who knew him and a reputation as a good and public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Boos was married in Huron Township to Miss Mary Steiner, who was born on the old Steiner farm in Erie County, in 1860, and died April 10, 1894. Three children were born to this union: George M.,

who is a farmer of Huron Township and has one daughter, Mary, now four years of age; Charles, who is married and lives with his father, whom he assists in the operation of the farm; and Ameol, Jr., also married and a farmer in Huron Township. Mr. Boos married for his second wife Lula Curtis, who was born in Huron Township in 1874.

Mr. Boos and his sons are consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church. They have always supported the principles and candidates of the democratic party.

HARDEN A. TUCKER. Among the notable pioneer residents of Erie County still surviving, the lives of few have been so lengthened by a gracious Providence as to afford them a retrospective view of eighty years of their own participation in the development of the county. Such, however, is a distinguishing feature of the career of Harden A. Tucker, "The Grand Old Man of Milan," whose life in Milan Township, where he still makes his home, spans a period of four score years. A companion of the wilderness, when wild animals still roamed the untamed forests, a pioneer teacher when schools were few and far between, a witness of primitive conditions and a participant in the wonderful development of this region, he still stands among the younger generation, like a forest monarch among the younger growths. His life has been full and eminently useful; his record is one on which no blemish appears.

Harden A. Tucker was born near Scituate, Rhode Island, April 21, 1833, a son of Harden and Sabra (Clark) Tucker, natives of that state and of fine old New England ancestry. In 1836, after the birth of three sons and one daughter, the parents set out for what was then the Far West, making their way down the Hudson River and Erie Canal to Buffalo, and then to Huron, Ohio, by way of the Great Lakes. There they settled on a wild farm near the present home of Harden A. Tucker, first erecting a primitive home, later replacing it with a more substantial and commodious one, and finally building a good brick dwelling, in which the parents resided until their retirement, when they sold out and moved to Milan. There the father died in June, 1872, when sixty-eight years of age, the mother passing away at the home of her sons, in January, 1879, when seventy-nine years old. They were Spiritualists in religious belief, and in political matters the father was first a whig and later a republican. Harden and Sabra Tucker were true pioneers of Erie County. In spite of leaving the refining influences of New England, with no experience in the rough life of the frontier, they accepted conditions as they found them, worked out their own material success, and reared their children to lives of usefulness and honesty.

Harden A. Tucker was but three years of age when brought to Erie County, is one of the oldest living settlers of Milan Township, and is the oldest man of Milan on the North Road. His boyhood and youth were passed in the midst of pioneer conditions and his education was secured in the primitive log schools, but he made the most of his opportunities, and when a young man divided his time between cultivating a farm and teaching in the local school. The wildest of game were still to be found here, and Mr. Tucker relates many interesting experiences in regard to incidents of his early years. On one occasion, while he and several other persons were passing under a large chestnut tree near his home, a panther leaped from a tree sixty feet across the road, and, to use Mr. Tucker's words, "let out a yell that could have been heard three miles away." A few more leaps and it had disappeared into the dense forest. At another time, when Mr. Tucker was returning to his home at night, a huge panther followed him for more than a mile along the wild highway, the beast not turning away until he had reached the very door of his house.

Mr. Tucker settled on his present farm in 1866, and has owned it since 1868. This tract consists of 96.81 acres, the greater part of which he has himself improved, in addition to which he has cultivated other land, and has turned more furrows of land than any other man who lived in Milan Township. Here he has erected modern and commodious buildings, including a brick house, and the land has been thoroughly tiled by him, making it one of the most productive in this part of the county. The land lies almost level, drifting north toward the Huron River, and on it the best of all kinds of crops may be raised.

In 1915 Mr. Tucker celebrated his golden wedding anniversary. He was married August 10, 1865, at Speares Corners, Milan Township, to Miss Elizabeth Rockwell, who was born in New York, January 19, 1838, and was six years old when brought to Ohio by her parents, and eleven years old when she came to Milan Township, where she became a schoolmate and neighbor of Mr. Tucker. She has been a devoted wife and much of Mr. Tucker's success he attributes to her assistance, advice and good management. Mrs. Tucker is a daughter of John and Sarah (Wilcox) Rockwell, natives of Connecticut, of an honored New England family. As young people they moved to New York, and then to Erie County, Ohio, where Mrs. Rockwell died in Oxford Township, aged seventy-two years, while Mr. Rockwell died at Milan when past his eighty-fifth birthday.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tucker there have been born the following children: Henry, who is a prosperous farmer of Milan Township, is married and has six living daughters, of whom four are married, while one son and one daughter died young; Charley, a widower without children, who resides with his parents; Glenn, who is operating the homestead property, married Lula Snyder, of Milan Township; B. Frank, who is a bachelor and lives on his farm at Hartland, Huron County, Ohio.

Mr. Tucker has been a lifelong republican, his first presidential vote having been cast for John C. Fremont. He has been content to be a voter rather than an office seeker, but has taken a keen interest in the success of his party's candidates and policies and has always given the Grand Old Party his warmest support. Mr. Tucker has been a diligent, energetic and industrious farmer, and in all the privations, hardships and difficulties incident to the life of the early settlers manifested that resolution, patience and perseverance that enabled him to contribute his full share toward the development of Erie County, of which, for eighty years, he has been a representative and highly esteemed citizen.

Theodore Hahn. It has been the mission of Theodore Hahn to have been identified in his fortunes with Milan Township since 1891, and through his energy and good judgment to have promoted agricultural interests here during that period. When he entered upon his independent career, he had little to aid him save native thrift, industry and ambition, but these he has turned to such good advantage that he is now the possessor of a handsome property in the northeast corner of the township and of a reputation for honorable and straightforward dealing that gives him the esteem and regard of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Hahn was born August 7, 1866, in Hesse Nassau, Germany, and is a son of Conrad and Elizabeth (Orth) Hahn. The parents were small farmers in the fatherland, and resided there until 1871, when, after the birth of all their children they decided that better opportunities could be found in America and accordingly came to this country, boarding ship at Bremen and making port at New York, in June of that year. From the metropolis the little party made their way to Erie County, Ohio, and settled in Huron Township, on the Bogart Road, where Conrad Hahn continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits during the

remainder of his life, and where his death occurred April 14, 1915, at the age of eighty-seven years. He was a thrifty, energetic farmer, a homemaker and a good citizen, and throughout his long career so conducted himself and his transactions as to win and maintain his fellow-citizens' respect and confidence. As a builder and developer of the county, he contributed a handsome farm, well improved in every way, with large, modern and attractive buildings. His family was reared in the faith of the German Reformed Church, and his children have proved valuable additions to whatever community they have been called. Mrs. Hahn, who still survives at the age of eighty-one years, lives at the home of her son, Adam Hahn, a review of whose career, elsewhere in this work, contains a more comprehensive sketch of the family's history.

Theodore Hahn was reared and educated in Huron Township, and there made his home with his parents until 1891. In that year he entered upon his independent career when he purchased his present farm, located on the Wikel Road, in the northeast corner of Milan Township. He has fifty acres, forty of which are under cultivation, and these are operated for farming, fruit growing and stock raising, in all of which branches Mr. Hahn has met with well merited and satisfying success. He rotates his crops, running from corn to oats, wheat and clover, and then back, a system which he finds brings him excellent results. Mr. Hahn has an attractive dwelling, pure white in color, with eight rooms and all modern conveniences and comforts. His barn is 36 by 62 feet, gray colored, with a slate roof, and a lean-to for tools, etc., attached, 12 by 36 feet. Every department of this modern farm evidences the presence of good management, and the atmosphere of the place is that of prosperity and comfort.

Mr. Hahn was married first to Miss Mary Blatt, who died leaving one daughter: Minnie M. C., born September 7, 1894, educated in the Berlin Township public schools and the Sandusky Business College, and now residing at home with her father. Mr. Hahn was again married, September 13, 1899, in Huron Township, to Mrs. Anna (Dippel) James, who was born September 1, 1871, in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Weiss) Dippel, natives respectively of Hesse Nassau and Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. They came to the United States as young people and met and were married at Cleveland, where for many years Mr. Dippel was foreman for the Doane Oil Refining Company, and later was made its superintendent. In the meantime he had established himself in the coal business, and finally resigned to give his entire attention to that line, in which he was successfully engaged for over thirty years. He and his wife were leading and influential members of the German Evangelical Church, in which he was president of the board of trustees for many years. Mr. Dippel died in December, 1912, aged sixty-eight years, eleven months, while Mrs. Dippel passed away in April, 1913, aged seventy years. By her former marriage, to the late George R. James, Mrs. Hahn has one daughter: Florence, born December 5, 1892, who was educated in the Erie County public schools.

Mr. Hahn is an independent voter and not a politician.

Fred W. Heckelmann. Some of that quality of enterprise which has the power to mold the world and its circumstances to the desires and ambitions of the individual have been exemplified by Fred W. Heckelmann, who came as a poor German youth to this country about twenty years ago and has succeeded in establishing himself securely and prosperously in the fine agricultural district of Milan Township, where he owns an excellent farm and manages it with the same successful ability that merchants would direct a store or a manufacturer run his factory.

Born in Hesse Nassau, January 10, 1873, Fred W. Heckelmann

belongs to an old line of ancestry in Nassau. His parents were William and Christina Heckelmann, both natives of Hesse Nassau. They grew up and married there and all their children were born in that locality. William Heckelmann was a wagon maker, a trade which his father had followed before him, and two of his brothers also took up. William was nineteen years old when his father died, and subsequently pursued his trade in the old country until his death in November, 1894, when sixty-three years of age. His son Herman, a twin brother of Fred, succeeded to the father's business, while two other sons, Adolph and August, are also still living in Germany. Those who came to America were: William, Carl, Fred and Louis. William has been a resident of this country thirty-one years, Carl came over twenty-eight years ago, Fred twenty-five years ago, while Louis has been in America only eleven years.

He had reached the age of seventeen when Fred W. Heckelmann ventured across the Atlantic and aspired to a fortune in the New World. Up to that time he had attended school regularly, and had gained some knowledge of practical accomplishment. He sailed on a vessel at Bremen and from New York came on to Erie County. In the main he has been identified with agricultural activities ever since and from a position as a worker for others has succeeded in getting property and has for a number of years been his own master. In the fall of 1906 he bought the ninety-seven acres comprised in the Sayles farm, situated on the old Plank Road near Gaytown in Milan Township. Nine years have effected some remarkable changes in that farm, particularly in its efficiency of cultivation and in numerous improvements. He has raised large crops of corn, wheat and oats, potatoes, and has a group of substantial farm buildings, including an eight-room two-story house, with a slate roof, and barns and other outbuildings.

After coming to Erie County Mr. Heckelmann married Miss Minnie Copenhafer. She was born in Wuertemberg, Germany, May 3, 1871. Her mother died in the old country and her father is still living there at the age of seventy-six. Mrs. Heckelmann came to the United States and to Erie County when twenty years of age. Both the Heckelmanns and the Copenhafers have been identified with the German Evangelical Church for generations. Mr. and Mrs. Heckelmann have four children: Edna, aged sixteen, has graduated from the eighth grade of public schools; Hilda, aged fourteen has also completed the common school course and is now in the high school; Maria, aged thirteen, is now in the sixth grade of the public school; while the youngest, Edward, is also at school. Mr. and Mrs. Heckelmann are members of the Oxford Evangelical Church, and for twelve years he has been secretary of the church board. Politically he is a democrat, though of independent proclivities.

Albert M. Fish has lived actively and usefully in Milan Township fully fifty years. This is a family with many exceptional characteristics and distinctions, and has been identified with the American colonies in the northeastern part of the United States for four or five generations at least. While in Erie County the family has been chiefly identified with manufacturing as well as agricultural activity, their homes have been centers of culture and influence, and several of the name have attained high rank in the professions.

Of old English ancestry, the earliest ancestors of Albert M. Fish of whom there is record lived in Connecticut. His great-grandparents were Joseph and Abigail Fish, who were born in Connecticut, and it is believed that they lived and died there. Joseph Fish was born in 1756 and died in 1805, survived several years by his wife. They possessed

many of the hardy characteristics of New England people, were upright, stanch and progressive, and made their influence count for the betterment of the community in which they lived.

Uriah Fish, grandfather of Albert M. Fish, was born in Connecticut, and personally exemplified the elements of a strong New England character, possessed a rugged physique and was positive and determined in his actions and in his mental processes. His descendants may take pride in the fact that he served as a soldier throughout the War of 1812. He had probably moved to New York State before the war, and it is certain that more than a century ago this branch of the family was located at Otisco, Onondaga County, New York. Uriah Fish spent many years on his farm there, and eventually established around him his five sons, on separate farms. He died about 1856. He had been born during the Revolutionary war, and reached good old age. He possessed model habits, was a man of affairs, and had a business judgment which enabled him to provide for himself and for his descendants. Uriah Fish married Lovina Carpenter. She was probably born in Connecticut, and belonged to the old Carpenter family of the New England states. They were probably married before they left Connecticut for New York State, and she outlived her husband some eight or ten years and was past fourscore when she died. Both she and her husband were members of the Universalist Church, and many years ago had been closely identified with the abolition movement. A brief record of their children is given as follows: Eliza married John Bishop and died in New York State leaving descendants. Lovisa married Lewis Wells, and they lived and died in New York State and were survived by two sons and one daughter. David spent all his life near the old homestead in New York, and after his death left three daughters. John was also a farmer near the old home in Onondaga County, and one son survived him. The next in age was Samuel, to be mentioned in following paragraph. Mindert came to Ohio and died at Berlin Heights, being survived by several children. Willis C. was the favorite son, was made heir to the old homestead, but his fine sense of justice prompted him to break the will and by his own election the estate was divided in equal shares among all the children; he married, but had no descendants.

In the next generation is Samuel Fish, father of Albert M. He was born on the old homestead in Onondaga County in 1819. His son Albert has at his home in Milan among other heirlooms and possessions a fine etching of his father, and the portrait exhibits many of the lines and lineaments which denote force of character and energy, and those qualities were positively displayed by Samuel Fish in all his activities. Another engraving in Mr. Fish's home shows the large and beautiful homestead where the family lived for many years at Otisco, New York. It was on that homestead that Samuel Fish grew to manhood. After getting his education and starting out for himself he married a poor but noble girl from a neighboring family, and for several years they lived at the old Fish home. Albert M. Fish was born there in the same house and in the same room where his father had first seen the light of day. Albert M. Fish came into the world November 5, 1846, and has himself almost completed the span of three score and ten. The first eighteen years of his life were spent among the scenes and environments of Onondaga County, and he gained an education in the public schools.

In 1864, when Albert was eighteen years of age, and a few days after the Presidential election at which Abraham Lincoln was retained for a second term in the White House, Samuel Fish, who had delayed long enough to cast his vote for the great emancipator, started with his family for the West, and arriving in Milan located and bought a farm in what is called East Milan, just outside the corporate limits of the

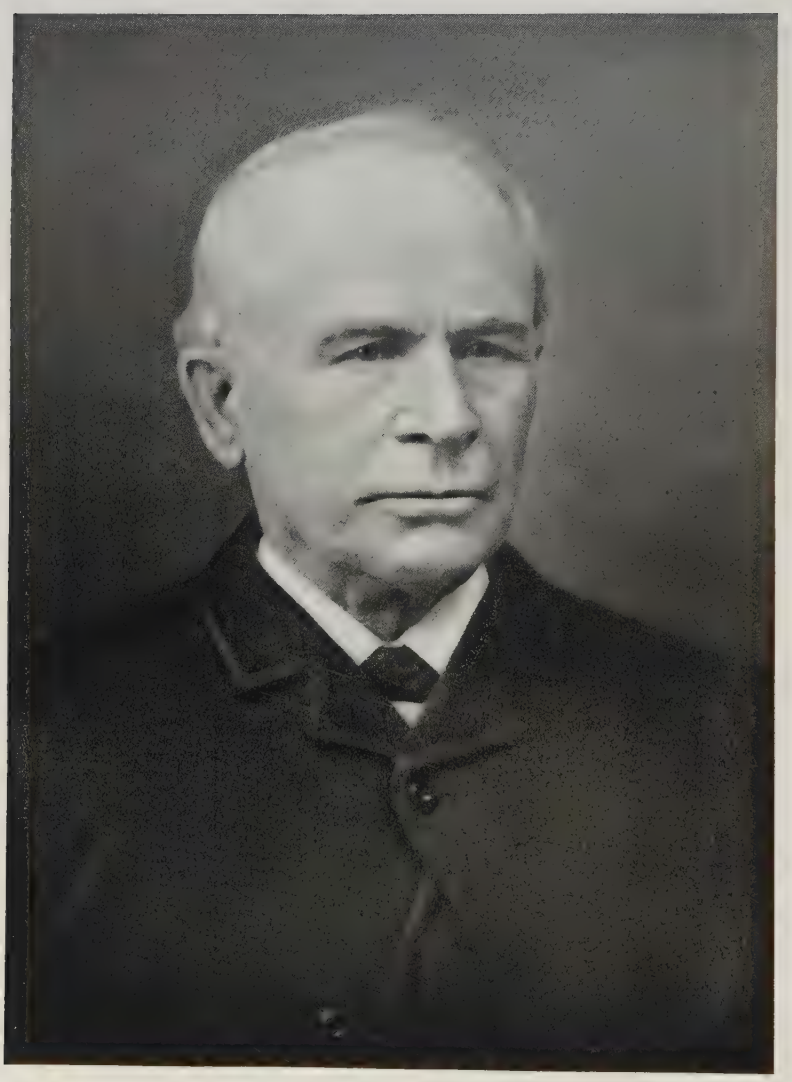
village of that name. The purchase was a large ten-room brick house, surrounded by twelve acres of ground. While the place was small, Samuel and his son built up there a considerable industry as a tile and flower pot factory, and they conducted this from 1865 until the death of Samuel Fish on September 15, 1900. At that time he was eighty-one years of age. This factory at Milan was one of the landmarks in the industrial history of the township. Many years ago the proprietors introduced the manufacture of flower pots, and that was perhaps the largest feature of the business, and the wares had an extensive sale. After the death of his father Albert M. Fish continued the operation of the plant for five years, and then abandoned this branch of manufacture and bought some agricultural lands in that locality. He now owns ninety acres of well improved and high class farming land, and devotes his time to general agriculture. However, since the death of his wife he has made his home at the old brick house which was formerly owned by his father, and which is now the property of his sister Miss Celinda Fish, one of the best known women in Milan Township.

Albert M. Fish was married in Milan to Miss Emily Graves. She was born in Lorain County, Ohio, in October, 1846, but gained her early education in Berlin Heights. She died at the Fish home August 8, 1911. She is remembered by her family and friends as a devoted wife and mother, and a woman of many excellent qualities. Her parents were Murray and Cynthia (Gibbs) Graves. Her father was born in Hatfield, Massachusetts, in 1818, and died in Milan in 1895. Her mother was born in Cameron, New York, October 28, 1824, and died in Milan Township, February 15, 1894. Murray Graves lived in Lorain County for a number of years but finally came to Milan Township in Erie County. He was a good citizen, very industrious, and his business was chiefly in butchering and dealing in meats.

The oldest of the children of Albert M. Fish is Fred A. Fish. He was born at the old home in East Milan in 1875, graduated from the Milan High School in 1892, subsequently took up electrical engineering, in which he gained his first knowledge at local plants, later pursued a technical course in Buchtel College at Akron and was graduated in the electrical engineering department at the Ohio State University, and for his standing was granted a scholarship in the University of Wisconsin. After completing his education in 1898 he subsequently filled a chair in the Ohio State University, and from that went to the Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames as associate and later as professor in electrical engineering, and has occupied the position for a number of years. He is now living at Ames, and is recognized as one of the best qualified educators in the state. He married Anna Calkins, of Troy, New York, who is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. Their two daughters are named Frances and Elizabeth.

Carl W., the second son of Mr. Fish, has also been well educated and is now a foreman with a telephone company. He married Miss Olivia Brandrup, who was a well educated Iowa woman and had taught in San Francisco, California.

Roy M., the youngest of Mr. Fish's sons, was born at the old homestead at East Milan, December 11, 1881. He pursued the study of electrical engineering for a short period, but his health failing about that time he went West with his wife to California, and spent the greater part of 1908-09 in traveling along the west coast. After his return to Ohio he bought sixteen acres in West Milan, and is now engaged in the raising of small and tree fruits and general farming. He married Miss Ada M. Hart, the daughter of Philip and Lucy (Fisher) Hart. She was born in Norwalk, Huron County, was graduated from the Norwalk High School in the class of 1902 and from the Woman's College at Cleveland, and at



William Winslow

the age of twenty was principal of the Milan High School, a position she held for three years until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fish have two children, Jean Allison and Robert M. This little family are members of the Presbyterian Church, while Roy Fish is affiliated with Milan Lodge No. 329, F. & A. M.

Mr. Albert Fish and his sons are rather independent in political matters. The father at different times served altogether for three terms as township trustee. He is treasurer of Milan Lodge No. 239, F. & A. M., and is also a member of Milan Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry.

William Winslow. It was by many active relations that the late William Winslow was identified with Erie County, and particularly with the charming little City of Milan. The handsome brick home on Front Street in which he died October 15, 1893, is still occupied by Mrs. Winslow, who lives there with her niece, Miss Hardy. This home, a large and attractive thirteen-room house and bought by Mr. and Mrs. Winslow when they came to Milan, is in many ways reminiscent of the fine old Virginia home in which Mrs. Winslow was born and spent some of her early years, near Winchester, Virginia.

While Mrs. Winslow comes of old Virginia stock, and of the real F. F. V.'s, the late William Winslow was of New England and of some of the oldest ancestry found in Massachusetts. He was born at Pittston, Vermont, in September, 1811. He was directly descended from the colonial governor, Everett Winslow, who was the first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The mother of William Winslow was a Miss Spencer. As William Winslow was a boy of only twelve or thirteen years when both his paretns died, there is very little knowledge concerning his immediate ancestry. The parents died on their little farm near Old Pittson, Vermont. They were survived by seven children, all sons, and it is noteworthy that all of these attained great length of years, except one, who was accidentally killed by the kick of a horse when a young man. Of these sons, Alnathan died when past seventy-two; Loyal was the youth who was accidentally killed at the age of seventeen; Horace died when eighty-four; William was eighty-two when he passed away at Milan; Franklin attained the venerable age of ninety-one; Corydon died when past the age of three score and ten; and Charles at the age of ninety-one. Charles, the youngest, was only an infant when his parents died, and the oldest was nineteen years old. They clung together until they were old enough to go out in the world and earn their own living, and all the sons who reached maturity subsequently became heads of families and enjoyed worthy positions in the world.

When twenty-six years of age William Winslow and his brother, Horace, moved to Hartford, Licking County, Ohio. William engaged in the general merchandise business, after the manner of the early merchants in the Middle West, having a stock of goods comprising practically everything needed in the home and on the farm, though it not infrequently happened that he was out of a certain line of goods for days at a time, since it required a week or more to get goods from New York City, which was then the general supply point for all western merchants. While William thus engaged as a merchant, his brother Horace went three miles into the country and bought a new tract of land and cleared it up from the wild woods, and spent his life there as a farmer.

From the start William Winslow prospered as a general merchant in Licking County and from that beginning his operations and investments covered a wider scope. Some years after moving to Licking County he invested $1,000 with his brother-in-law, Zenas King, who

became head of the well known King Bridge Company. In this company Mr. Winslow had many responsibilities as superintendent of bridge construction, and this obliged him eventually to sell out his store in Hartford, and he then identified himself actively with the bridge concern. In order to look after these business interests he moved to Milan, locating in that city a year or so after the close of the Civil war. While this was his home he spent much of the time on the road traveling as superintendent of bridge construction, and after leaving that firm he spent most of his time in retirement, although he had milling interests at Milan which required some supervision.

Throughout his active carer Mr. Winslow was a stanch republican in politics, and for many years was interested in every movement for the advancement of the town and county. Perhaps he rendered his greatest public service as chairman of the old Normal School Institute at Milan, which in its day was one of the best schools of the class in Ohio, and a great many successful men and women received part of their education there. He was also chairman of the old Milan and Huron Canal Committee, which canal in its day was one of the busiest waterways in the United States, and upon its waters floated vast cargoes of wheat and all kinds of grains between Milan, which was the concentration point, and Huron, where the grain was loaded on to the lake vessels and carried to the larger markets of the world. Many years ago Milan was regarded as the greatest grain port in the United States, if not the greatest in the world, with the possible exception of Riga, Russia. In the early days Milan occupied about the same position in the grain industry as the City of Duluth, Minnesota, now has. While never a seeker for political honors himself, Mr. Winslow was always ready to work and use his influence in behalf of his friends. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, and did much for its support and upbuilding at Milan.

The late Mr. Winslow was three times married. The only daughter of his first wife, Josephine, died when a promising young woman at the age of eighteen. He married his second wife at Hartford, Ohio, Miss Fannie B. Wheelock, who died in young womanhood and without children.

In Champaign, Illinois, in January, 1875, Mr. Winslow married Miss Anna C. Renner. Mrs. Winslow was born in Old Virginia, in the Shenandoah Valley near the City of Winchester, February 29, 1828. She was carefully reared and educated, attended young ladies' schools in Virginia, the Hartford Academy and the Granville Seminary, and after her parents removed to Champaign, Illinois, she followed teaching for some time. Her parents were Henry and Mary (Wiley) Renner, both of whom represented the fine old colonial stock of Virginia. Her maternal grandfather, Rev. Bernhard Wiley, was a prominent preacher in the Reformed Church, and carried the gospel mission all up and down the Shenandoah Valley until his death, at his home in Woodstock, Virginia. In 1852 Mr. Renner left Virginia and moved to Champaign, Illinois. In Virginia he had been a farmer, but lived retired in Champaign and died there in his eighty-sixth year, while his wife was seventy when she passed away. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Winslow is one of the lovely characters in Milan society, a woman of the highest ideals, and her life has been a benediction to all who came within the radius of her influence. She was one of the prime movers and organizers of the old Public Library Association of Milan, which was turned over to the township and which was the nucleus of the present beautiful library and for which others receive the honor. But it was really she, by her untiring efforts, who did more than any one other to start and continue to build this library. She is one of the

active members and still a regular attendant of the Presbyterian Church at Milan. Her niece, Julia M. Hardy, was educated at Milan and in Oberlin College, and is also a woman of thorough culture and together they maintain the fine Winslow home which has stood for so much in Milan ever since it was occupied by the Winslow family.

Isaac W. Hoover. As the originator and developer of what is one of the most important manufacturing industries carried on within the limits of Erie County, a special interest attaches to the name of Isaac W. Hoover, who has done much to increase and build up those outside associations by which people in many diverse quarters of the world know of Erie County as the source of a certain type of agricultural machinery which has served to lighten the burdens of crop harvesting and at the same time has decreased the cost of production of one of the most common articles of food. Originally Mr. Hoover was a farmer who specialized in the potato crop. Out of his experience in harvesting that crop by the old fashioned and tedious and laborious method of the plow or potato fork he conceived the idea which he perfected in the manufacture of his first potato digger. Some thirty years ago he manufactured his first machine. Having tried and tested its availibility for his own purposes, he began on a small scale to manufacture for others. Since then he has been in increasing ratio a manufacturer, and his machines have lightened the burdens of men throughout the civilized world. Mr. Hoover was not only a good manufacturer, taking great pride in his output, but also had ability to sell his products. His success has been the result primarily of getting out a machine which was of demonstrated practical value, and also has been due to his care in never letting one of his diggers go out of his shop unless it was perfect. He has prospered, and his success and prosperity have produced a permanent and far reaching benefit to mankind.

The Hoover Manufacturing Company, of which Mr. Hoover is president and treasurer, has served to give a name and prestige to the little Village of Avery, in which it is not only the largest institution but also the chief source of livelihood to the inhabitants. This company now makes thousands of potato digging machines every year, and its sales are made in practically every country that grows potatoes. Mr. Hoover patented his machine in April, 1885. After getting his patent, he took none of the means so frequently employed to exploit his invention, but proceeded quietly, and his industry has been a growth more than a sudden creation. At first he intended his machine only for use in his own fields, and the first year manufactured only one. It did the work which he expected, and in the following year he made ten machines, all of which were marketed in Erie County. The third year the output of his shop was fifty machines, and from that time the business has been increasing almost every year, and is now the largest industry of its kind in the United States and one of the most important considered from any point of view in Northern Ohio. At the present time about 5,000 machines represent the output each year, an average of nearly twenty for every working day. These machines are shipped and sold to every civilized country. The great plant covers fully four acres of ground at Avery. Avery is a small station located in Milan Township on the Nickel Plate Railroad, and the machinery goes out frequently in carload lots from that station. From 75 to 100 employes find their chief source of livelihood in these shops.

Erie County may take pride in the fact that Mr. Hoover is a native son. He was born near Sand Hill in Groton Township, January 3, 1845, and grew up in that locality and gained a practical education in the local schools. About forty years ago he moved into Milan Township,

and there became a practical farmer, but was soon developing the potato crop as his specialty. He inherited some considerable degree of mechanical ability from his father, and he exercised this faculty in producing his first potato digger, and from that has built up the great business already described.

His parents were John and Elizabeth (Woolverton) Hoover, both of whom were born in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. The Hoovers were of Holland ancestry, while the Woolvertons were New England Yankees. Both John Hoover and wife came to Erie County when young people, and were married in Groton Township. John Hoover was a stone mason by trade, having learned that vocation in Pennsylvania, and in Erie County was employed in the construction of a large number of houses in his time. In 1849, with perhaps half a dozen other friends and neighbors, he made the trip across the plains to California. His purpose in going West was inspired by a love of adventure and a desire to see the country rather than primarily as a gold seeker. He spent a year on the golden shores of California, and altogether was absent from Erie County eighteen months. After many interesting experiences in the West he returned by way of the Isthmus of Panama, and then settled on his farm in Oxford Township of Erie County. Living there until 1875 he removed to Bushnell, Illinois, where his brother Joseph Hoover was living at that time. Mrs. John Hoover died at Bushnell in 1891, when about seventy-five years of age. Soon afterward the father returned to live with his son Isaac in Milan Township and also spent part of his time with his daughter, Mrs. A. H. Prout, then a resident of Oxford Township, but now of Cleveland. John Hoover passed away in this county in 1905 at the age of ninety-two. He was a democrat in politics, and while not interested in offices was always progressive and public spirited, and enjoyed the reputation among his fellow townsmen for industry and most scrupulous integrity. Besides the two children already mentioned there were two other sons. Louis V. now lives in the vicinity of San Diego, California, where he is a fruit grower and also has interests in the city, and has a family about him. George, who lives in Alberta, Canada, owns more than two sections of land there, devoted to stock ranching, and is married and has sons and daughters.

After leaving the old home Isaac W. Hoover took up farming in Oxford Township, also lived in Huron County for a time, and in 1875 established his permanent home in Milan Township. There he bought seventy-four acres of land, and was soon numbered among the extensive potato raisers, an industry which has long flourished in that section of the county. Mr. Hoover is now one of the largest land holders in Milan Township. His lands are divided into four large farms, each one supplied with a complete set of farm buildings. His total acreage in Milan Township is nearly 700, and all of it is highly improved land, and producing besides potatoes all the staple cereals.

Mr. Hoover is also a director in the Farmers & Citizens Bank of Milan, of which his son Arthur L. is president and director. This bank has a capital of $25,000 and is a well managed and solid institution. Mr. Hoover is also a director in the Huron County Bank of Norwalk. In politics both he and his son are democrats.

In Oxford Township Mr. Hoover married Miss H. Jane Bear. She was born in that township in 1846, a daughter of Hiram and Abigail (Kelly) Bear, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania and came to Erie County about the same time as the Woolverton family. Mr. Bear died in 1860 in middle life, having been born December 24, 1819. His widow survived him many years and passed away at the home of her daughter Mrs. Hoover April 18, 1900. She was born April 20, 1817, and

at the time of her death was eighty-three years of age. Mrs. Hoover's parents were members of the Baptist Church, and in politics her father was a democrat. Mrs. Hoover was one of a family of six daughters and two sons, seven of whom married, and all are now deceased except Mrs. Hoover and Susan I., wife of George Laws of Oxford Township.

There are three children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hoover. Marian, born June 21, 1868, is the wife of Harry Mason, a farmer and sand dealer at Avery, and their children are Leonis, deceased, and Lloyd J., Grace D., Harry N., Donald M., and Merle M., whose twin brother Max L. died when nine months of age.

Arthur L. Hoover, the only son of Isaac W., was born November 23, 1871. He was well educated, attending besides the local schools the Milan Normal and the Sandusky Business College. He is now secretary of the Hoover Manufacturing Company. One other officer of this company is William F. Olemacher, vice president. Arthur L. Hoover was married October 11, 1898, to Harriet Woolverton. Their children are named Margaret, Fay and Mary Jane.

Helen Grace, the third child of Isaac W. and Mrs. Hoover, was born March 13, 1876. She attended schools at Milan, but graduated from the Art School at Cleveland and is now the wife of Dr. Ralph E. Garnhart, who is a graduate of medicine and is in active practice at Milan; they have a daughter named Eleanor Louise. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover are Baptists, though they attend the Methodist Episcopal Church at Milan. He is affiliated with the Lodge and Chapter of Masonry at Milan, with the Council and Knight Templar Commandery at Norwalk, and the son Arthur is affiliated with the same branches of the order, has gone through the chairs of the lodge at Milan and is past high priest of the Royal Arch Chapter. Both Mr. Hoover and his son have employed their ample means for the development of the community in which they live. They have constructed two magnificent homes at Avery, and these homes represent not only the most modern type of architecture but also combine the beauties of effective landscape gardening, and each one is numbered among the choicest country estates in Erie County. Their homes are surrounded by large grounds, with beautiful lawns and drives and foliage of all kinds, and their garages are well supplied with some of the finest cars manufactured.

Frederick J. Olemacher. Nearly thirty years ago Frederick J. Olemacher came to the United States a young man without experience in American ways, with no capital, and with willing hands and a steadfast ambition and purpose started to build his own fortune. His success has been such that he is now accounted one of the largest land owners and farmers in Milan Township, and has surrounded himself with those things which constitute real and substantial success in the world.

He is a native of Germany, born in Hessen, October 18, 1841, a son of Daniel and Dorothy (Sauer) Olemacher. They were born at Bursch Walbaugh, in Hessen. His father was of old German ancestry, and through all the generations they had been largely shepherds. The Olemacher family was of hardy and long lived stock, and Mr. Olemacher's grandparents were respectively seventy-five and seventy-three years of age when they died. Daniel Olemacher himself became an expert shepherd and for many years tended his flock among the hills of his native locality in Germany. His first wife, Miss Sauer, died when her son Frederick was twelve years of age, being survived by seven children, two sons and five daughters. Daniel later married Henrietta Mitz, of the same locality. The children of Daniel who first came to the United States, preceding the rest of the family, were Phillippa, Carolina and Philip, all of whom located in Erie County, married there, and are now

deceased, though their descendants are still found in this and other parts of the country. In 1886 Daniel Olemacher and his second wife with their four children and with the children of his first marriage who had not already immigrated, set out for the United States on a sailing vessel from Hamburg, and after thirty-two days of a rough passage landed in New York City. The family came on to Monroeville in Huron County, and they soon found employment in different occupations. The first work performed by Frederick J. Olemacher and his father was in shearing sheep at 10 cents per head. At that time they considered it marvelous if they could earn as much money in a single day as they had been accustomed to get after a week of labor in Germany. Daniel Olemacher spent the rest of his days at Monroeville, where he died April 15, 1893, at the age of eighty-three. His widow passed away September 12, 1912, aged eighty-seven. They were both of the German Reformed Church, and he was a democrat. Frederick J. Olemacher has one sister still living, Nettie, the wife of Philip Detrich of Bryan, Ohio. He also has three half-sisters living in Erie County.

His early training was that of a shepherd boy on the hills of his native country, supplemented with the usual education given to German youth, and he was also obliged to serve the regular three years in the Germany army. He had just about finished his term as a soldier when he made it convenient to come to this country with his parents. After arriving in America Mr. Olemacher depended upon hard work and keeping everlastingly at it in order to make progress. He rapidly adapted himself to the new conditions imposed by a strange land, strange language and strange customs, and out of his earnings accumulated enough in a few years to enable him to make his first purchase of land. This was 100 acres in Milan Township, on one of the prominent highways, and when he took possession much of the land was still unbroken and unimproved. To the management of this property he gave the same energetic handling which has been characteristic of him in all his undertakings, and soon had a fine and valuable farm. Upon it he has erected two fine barns, one 35x66 and the other 25x50 feet. His home is a model place for a country residence, and the large white house contains twelve rooms. He has made himself an expert in the growing of the staple crops of corn, wheat and oats, and there has been no lapse or diminution in his steady advance to greater prosperity. In the years since his first purchase Mr. Olemacher bought 175 acres in Huron Township, which he gave to his son Adolph. He also owns 133 acres at Spears Corners, and this is now owned and occupied by his son, Henry H. Another sixty acres which he formerly owned belong now to his son William, near Avery in Milan Township. Another son, Fred, has received through the assistance of his father seventy acres in Milan Township, and this place is also near Avery. His son Elmer is still at home, an active assistant to his father, and is the prospective heir to the homestead. All the other four sons are married and have children of their own. Mr. Olemacher also has four daughters: Minnie, wife of Jacob Crecelius, a sketch of whom will be found on other pages; Mary, wife of Herman Crecelius, another successful farmer of Oxford Township; Louise, wife of Henry Schaffer, who is foreman with the Hoover Manufacturing Company at Avery; and Lillian, who, like the other daughters, is very well educated, is still unmarried and living at home.

Mr. Olemacher's first wife was Minnie Lewis, a native of Germany, by whom the first children were born, and there are two children by the present wife. The mother of the younger children of Mr. Olemacher bore the maiden name of Catherine P. Schnee. She was born in Oxford Township, March 16, 1864, and was reared at Bloomingville, Ohio. Her parents were William and Christina (Schaffer) Schnee.

both of whom were born in the Province of Hessen, Germany, coming to the United States when young people, locating in Oxford Township, where they met and married. They started out as farmers, and in 1870 the mother of Mrs. Olemacher died at the age of thirty-four. Mr. Schnee married for his second wife Mrs. Elizabeth (Tessue) Schaffer. They reared a family of five children, while Mr. Schnee by his first marriage had seven children, and his wife by her first union was the mother of eight children. Mr. Schnee died February 25, 1905, at the age of sixty-five, and his second wife passed away March 17, 1915. All these families are German Reformed Church people. That is the church which Mr. and Mrs. Olemacher attend, and in politics he is a democrat.

EDWARD S. STEPHENS. On the basis of a very creditable record and service Edward S. Stephens has for a number of years been recognized as one of the leaders of the Erie County bar. His success came from his own efforts, and he has always measured results by the highest ideals of professional and personal integrity.

Born at Bogart, Erie County, February 2, 1869, he is the son of Isaiah S. and Mary Ann (Desoe) Stephens. He was reared in the country on a farm, attended the district schools, the private school at Milan, and the Ohio Northern University at Ada. Part of his education was won through opportunities gained by his own earnings and hard work, either as farm hand or teacher. For seven years he taught in public schools and at the same time carried on his studies for the law. He was admitted to the bar in 1897, and has since had his home and office in Sandusky. Mr. Stephens made a specially creditable record as referee in bankruptcy, an office he filled from 1900 to 1906. He left that office to become prosecuting attorney, and his term of service was from 1907 to 1911. Since then he has enjoyed a large private practice as a member of the Sandusky bar.

On March 6, 1910, Mr. Stephens married Emeline Blancke. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias.

JAMES S. SANDS. Here is a name that recalls many interesting associations with early history in Erie and Huron counties. Mr. Sands has spent nearly all his life in Milan Township and is the proprietor of a fine farm in that locality. Mrs. Sands as well as himself is closely connected with the pioneer stock in this section of Ohio and their own industrious lives have been in keeping with the many respectable traditions connected with their names.

It was in the immediate vicinity of his present home that James S. Sands was born, December 24, 1857. His birthplace was originally known as part of the old Abbott tract, and later as the Sands homestead. His father's farm was the site which still has great historic interest to both Huron and Erie counties, where the first courthouse and the first jail were located as the county seat of the original Huron County. That was before the setting off of Erie County as a separate jurisdiction in 1833. At the present time there is not a vestige remaining of the old county seat. The lands have been cleared off and used for agricultural purposes, and there can hardly be found a stick or stone to indicate the public buildings which once stood there. Even the old well which supplied water has long since been filled up. The associations of this old locality are of particular interest to the Sands family, and Mr. Sands' grandmother, Nancy Laughlin, was as a girl employed in the old Huron County jail, and while living there she married Grandfather William Sands, becoming the mother of William Sands, Jr., father of James S. The many details concerning the membership of the Sands family and

its early associations with Erie County can be found on other pages in the sketch of George M. Sands.

James S. Sands was reared and educated in Milan Township, attended the district schools near his home, and was also at one time a student under Mrs. Palmer at Milan, one of the noted early teachers of the county. Adopting the vocation which has been that usually followed by other members of the family, Mr. Sands after reaching manhood became the owner of eighty acres of his father's large farm, and still has that property. Thirty-two years ago, in 1883, he bought the farm on which he now has his home, comprising sixty-five acres, on the Milan Road two miles from the old homestead. This was formerly the old Captain Minuse Farm. His enterprise and his diligence have resulted in many striking improvements at his farm, including the erection of a comfortable eleven-room white house, modern in all its equipment and arrangement. There are also a number of barns and sheds for the care of his stock, implements and farm products, the principal barn standing on a foundation 30 by 60 feet. Mr. Sands is a first class business farmer, and makes most of his money as a stock raiser.

He is also regarded as one of the leading men of affairs in his section of the county. He has long been one of the leaders in the local republican party and for several years held the office of township trustee. Few residents of the county have gone further in the work and rites of the Ancient Order of Masonry than Mr. Sands. He belongs to both the York and Scottish Rite, having taken thirty-two degrees in the latter. He is a member of Zenobia Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Toledo, is affiliated with Norwalk Council and Commandery, and with the Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter at Milan. He is past master of his lodge and at present is high priest in the chapter.

In 1881 Mr. Sands was married in Berlin Township to Miss Lavina Jenkins. She was born in Berlin Heights, March 13, 1863, was carefully reared and educated and for thirty-four years since her marriage has proved a devoted wife and a kind and loving mother in her family. She comes of a sound old English ancestry, originating in Lincolnshire. Toward the close of the eighteenth century her great-grandfather immigrated to America. His name was Henry Jenkins, and he died at the age of 103 years. It is not known definitely that he was married when he came across the ocean, but his wife's Christian name was Rachel, her surname being unknown. Among the relatives of the family in England there is still a dispute carried on by litigation in chancery courts over the large estate. It is perhaps to be regretted that a more careful record of the family on the American side was not kept, since such a record might prove the means of sharing in the ultimate disposal of this English property. Henry Jenkins settled in New Jersey, where his son William was born, who, in turn, had a son James, the father of Mrs. Sands. James Jenkins settled among the Lower Catskill Mountains in Dutchess County, New York. That was then a wilderness, and around his early home the woods were made frightful by the howling of wild beasts. Mrs. Sands' father, James, often related to her incidents of his early boyhood, and particularly of being chased home by the screaming of wild cats when he was rounding up the cows from the commons where they grazed. The grandfather, William Jenkins and wife, Saloma Goetchens, who was an English girl born in the vicinity of Lincolnshire, reared their family in Dutchess County. He died in April in the year 1853, aged seventy-two, his wife having passed away in March, 1844, aged sixty years. He was a farmer and miller, and was a man of no little distinction among the early settlers.

Their son James, father of Mrs. Sands, was born in 1803 and grew up amid the rugged scenery of Dutchess County. Before he was twenty

years of age he married in 1824 a neighbor girl, Dorcas Ayers, who died in 1844. Through one branch of her ancestry she was descended from Holland Dutch people. Not long after the solemn compact which made them man and wife, James Jenkins and bride, with the ambition for gaining a home which inspired the migration of so many people at that time, set out for the new and growing west. They established themselves on a large tract of land along the east line of what is now Milan Township, and not very far from where the first log jail and courthouse had been located as the seat of justice for the original Huron County, that being about ten years before Erie County was established. Here Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins as young people of hope and energy started life on a pioneer farm. Mrs. Jenkins was a well educated woman, and for a number of years was the principal teacher of the young children at the Laughlin Corners. She died there in 1844, and her only child, Emma, had died in infancy. This sudden breaking up of his home almost discouraged Mr. Jenkins, and that event and also the unhealthy conditions which prevailed at that time in the swampy district of his home caused him to sell out his property in Erie County and return to New York State. There he was married in 1848 at Poughkeepsie to Ann Eliza (Barnhart) Bennett, widow of Charles Bennett. She was born in the Catskill region of New York, October 26, 1823, and was of German and French parentage. She grew up and learned the trade of dressmaker, which she followed in Poughkeepsie until her marriage. Not long afterwards James Jenkins and wife came West and located in Berlin Township, where he became one of the prosperous farmers and lived there until his death on December 19, 1881. His widow survived until April 1, 1914, and she died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sands. She was a lifelong consistent member of the Methodist Church, while her husband was a Presbyterian. In the Jenkins family were the following children: Anna E., who died unmarried at the age of twenty-three; Dorcas, who died after her marriage to Clarence Saunders, leaving several children; Charles, who is married, has four children and lives at Cleveland; Leman, who is a hardware merchant at Berlin Heights and has five sons and one daughter; Sarah Jane married L. B. Austin and lives at Elyria and has a family; Lambert lives at Los Angeles and is married; Lavina (Mrs. Sands) and Moses James of Berlin Heights, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Sands have a son and a daughter. Roy M., born June 23, 1884, was graduated from college with the degree of civil engineer in the class of 1906, and has been very successful as a bridge builder and superintendent of cement construction for a firm of Toledo contractors. The daughter, Forrest E., born October 13, 1885, was a graduated bachelor of science in 1910 from the State University of Columbus, has since specialized in a domestic science course, and is now a teacher of that department, much of her work having been done in Erie County.

Samuel M. Winton. The Winton family of Berlin Heights, probably have as many interesting associations with the early settlement and the early families of Erie County as any of the representatives of pioneer stock that can still be found in this region. The Wintons have lived in this part of Northern Ohio upwards of ninety years, while Mrs. Winton's family was settled here more than a century ago.

Samuel M. Winton is of Scotch ancestry, though the name has been identified with this country for several generations. His parents were Montville and Charlotta (Barnes) Winton, both of whom were natives of Lorain County, Ohio, and both of Connecticut families. Both Winton and Barnes families came to Northern Ohio during the early '20s, when all the country was little more than a wilderness. The Wintons settled in Vermilion Township of Erie County, while the Barnes family

found a location at Amherst in Lorain County. From both of these households the mills and stores and other markets were miles distant. Wild game was in abundance in the woods and the Indians were still common visitors at their log cabin homes. Both families improved good farms and did their share of the early pioneer work. The grandparents of Mr. Winton in both the Winton and Barnes lines lived to ripe old age in spite of the hardships of their early experience, and most of them were past fourscore when called upon to settle their last accounts. After Montville Winton and wife were married they began housekeeping at Amherst in Lorain County, and he developed one of the first regular businesses of buying and shipping cattle, horses, sheep and hogs. He was a drover to Cleveland and other eastern markets, though most of his stock went to Cleveland. For many years he was almost constantly traveling about over Lorain, Huron and Erie counties, and acquired a large acquaintance with the people of this section of the state through his business relations. It was his custom in the early days to take his cattle to market one kind at a time, driving the cattle, horses, sheep and hogs all in separate droves. Later in life Montville Winton and wife moved to Wood County, Ohio, and spent their last years in retirement at Portage. Montville Winton died there a little more than twenty years ago, having survived his wife several years. Montville Winton was born about 1805 and his wife about 1808. They were members of the Methodist Church and he was a republican. To their marriage were born eight children, four sons and four daughters. Three of these died when quite young. Morton, one of those that grew up, was in the United States Navy throughout the period of the Civil war and died a bachelor at Portage when about sixty years of age. Another child, George, who is still living and makes his home at Portage, in Wood County, was also a soldier and went through the war unscathed with an Ohio regiment and is now sixty-eight years of age and is married but has no children. A daughter, Artemisia, the widow of John Stapleton, lives at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and has a son and three daughters. Another daughter was Melissa, who died a few years ago at Portage, as the widow of Franklin Fendell, who was one of the most popular railway engineers on the Lake Shore road.

Samuel M. Winton was the oldest son and the second child of his parents. He was born at Brownhelm in Lorain County, Ohio, May 8, 1838. He grew up at his father's home, and early became identified with the business of stock drover followed by his father. Beginning as early as twelve years he rode a horse and helped drive cattle to Cleveland, and he proved himself so trustworthy that he was often allowed to take a herd by himself. That business gave him his chief activities until he reached his majority. After his marriage he settled on a farm at Ogontz in Berlin Township, and there he had forty-five acres of well improved land and in addition to its own productions he carried on an extensive business in the buying and selling of horses, cattle and other stock, mainly for the benefit of local markets. Another feature of his farming was fruit growing. In these activities he was engaged with satisfying success until the spring of 1903, when he removed to Berlin Heights and bought a comfortable residence on South Street.

Mr. Winton was married in the Peak neighborhood of Berlin Township, January 1, 1863, to Miss Dorleca Peak. Mrs. Winton was born near Ceylon Junction, December 4, 1843, and in that community grew up and received her education, and in a marriage relationship of more than half a century has shared the responsibilities of life with her husband and been his constant help and encouragement. Her parents, Daniel and Mary (Phillips) Peak, both natives of Erie County, repre-

sented a notable family of this section of Ohio. Both her parents were born in Erie County prior to 1820 and were married in Berlin Township, and afterwards lived on their farm in that township until they retired to Berlin Heights; Daniel Peak died there August 23, 1865, when nearly forty-seven years of age, and his wife passed away June 25, 1898, at the age of seventy-two. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Winton, at Ogontz. She was a member of the Congregational Church, though her family were Methodists, and in politics her husband was a republican. Mrs. Winton's paternal grandfather was Oliver Peak, who was born in Vermont of old New England stock, moved to New York State, and there married Polly Van Banscoten, who was of an old Dutch family long established in the Mohawk Valley. Polly's father had the care of General Washington's horses while that great man was in New York State during the Revolutionary war. Oliver Peak and wife came to Erie County in 1812 or 1813, and settled in Berlin Township, after breaking a way through the woods from Cleveland. They arrived with an ox team, and their first settlement was a mile south of the lake at what is now Ceylon Station or in that immediate vicinity. Here they went through all the usual experiences of the pioneer. Their first home, a log cabin, was replaced by a frame house, and that in turn by a substantial brick house, which is still standing, though built eighty years ago, and is an interesting landmark of that community. Oliver Peak gave the land now included in the Peak Cemetery. He and his wife lived quiet but industrious and wholesome lives and died on their farm when about fourscore years of age. Oliver Peak was at one time reputed to be the richest man in Berlin Township. For years he served as justice of the peace, and was held in high esteem for his integrity of character and his good common sense, apart from his material wealth. He was first a whig and later a republican in politics, and his wife was a Baptist in religion. The last thirteen years of her life she was an invalid, and in spite of that affliction was a woman of rare charm and a delightful companion to old and young. Oliver Peak's father was an English sea captain, but died in New England, probably in Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. Winton have one daughter, Mary L., who is living at home. She was well educated in the Norwalk High School, and is a skilled milliner. She is a member of the Tuesday Tourist Club and one of the active workers in that literary organization at Berlin Heights. The family attend the Congregational Church, and Mr. Winton is a republican in politics.

James Caldwell McKesson. In the construction of the Mad River Railroad, the first railroad in Ohio, to which considerable attention is paid in the chapter on railroads elsewhere in this work, one of the local men prominently engaged was James Caldwell McKesson, then quite a young man. He had come to Ohio with his parents, Isaac and Elizabeth (Caldwell) McKesson, in 1827 from Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, locating at Venice in what is now Erie County.

Later on Mr. McKesson engaged in farming quite extensively and took a special interest in the Agricultural Society of Erie County and in the good of the community in general. Owing to his generosity and philanthropic principles no one was ever turned from his door hungry or in need. He took a great interest in public affairs at the time of the Civil war, giving his eldest son to the service. Although not a regular attendant at religious services he was a very liberal donor to all church interests, especially at Sand Hill, where he spent the greater part of his life, and where he aided very materially in the building of the Methodist Episcopal Church at that place. His brother, Mr. Isaac McKesson, donated the land for the church.

On the paternal side he came of Scotch lineage, his grandfather, John McKesson, being a Presbyterian minister who finished the course in literature and theology at the University of Edinburgh and came to America in 1761, locating in Pennsylvania. He was a typical Scotch Presbyterian and proved a power for good in the community in which he resided during the early colonial period.

His son, Isaac McKesson, Sr., father of James C., was also educated for the ministry, but his natural tastes for mechanics led him to abandon that calling and he later learned the trade of millwright and civil engineering, and was naturally attracted to the favorable location for mills at Venice, Ohio. He moved to that place in 1827.

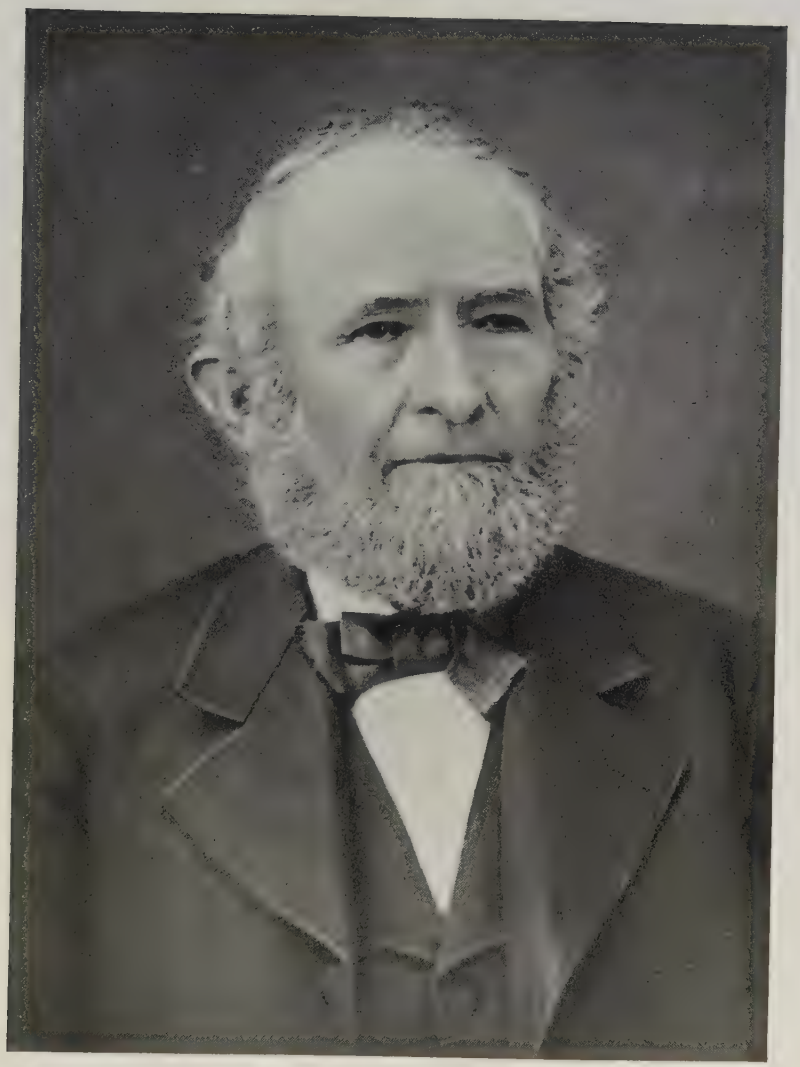
James C. McKesson was married December 3, 1840, in Bloomingville, Ohio, to Maryetta Prout. She came to that place with her parents, Daniel and Sarah (Holt) Prout from Oneida County, New York, when but a small child. Four children were born to this union: Andrew D., Sarah Elizabeth, Celina Ramsdell and Elmer Ellsworth. Mrs. McKesson's grandfathers were officers in the American Revolution, and she always prized very highly several articles that had been bought with Revolutionary money.

Prof. Elias R. Felton. In the death of Prof. Elias R. Felton at his home in Milan, March 1, 1906, there passed away one of the ablest educators in Northern Ohio, a man who had impressed his influence upon hundreds of young people preparing for lives of practical usefulness in business careers. Professor Felton during his active career was mainly identified with one of the large business colleges at Cleveland, but was well known in Erie County and his widow, Mrs. Felton, now occupies the old Comstock homestead in Milan Village, the home of her parents.

Born at Nunday Valley in New York State, December 3, 1828, he was nearly seventy-eight years of age when he passed away. His parents were James and Mary (Rawson) Felton, both natives of New York State. Soon after the birth of Professor Felton they came West to Milan, but later returned to New York where the mother died in the prime of life. Some years later James Felton married a Miss Bowers of Huron County, where he lived for many years. He combined the operation of a farm with an industry for the manufacture of high grade axes of all kinds, and the axe factory was one of the prosperous industries of Huron County. His second wife died near Norwalk, leaving several children. James Felton again married late in life, and his own career came to a close when past eighty. He was a republican, and as a Mason was a charter member of both the Blue Lodge and the Royal Arch Chapter at Milan.

Elias R. Felton spent most of his early career in Milan and in Huron County. He attended the old Huron Institute at Milan, and as a youth learned the trade of axe maker with his father. The first axe he ever made is still in possession of his family. For his first wife Professor Felton married Lucy Perrin, a daughter of Raymond Perrin and a cousin of Judson Perrin, to whom reference is made on other pages. He then moved to Cleveland, took a thorough course in the old Bryant & Stratton Business College, and a few years later became an instructor in the Spencerian Business College at Cleveland, and later acquired an interest in the college and helped to make it a highly successful institution. He retained his business relations until 1895, and then for five or six years was retained as a member of the faculty of instruction. He finally retired, and spent his last years in Milan.

While a resident of Cleveland Professor Felton was one of the best known citizens and active in municipal politics on the West Side. He



Philo Comstock

served as a member of the school board and in other public offices, and at one time was a nominee for mayor. He was also prominent in Masonry, and was affiliated with the Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, the thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Consistory and the Mystic Shrine. In politics he was a republican and in matters of religion supported the Presbyterian Church.

By his marriage to Miss Lucy Perrin, Professor Felton had two children, William and Ida, and by his second marriage, to Mrs. Matilda (Judson) Perrin, two children were born, Mary M. and Grace B. Grace married E. G. Tillotson, of Cleveland, and at her death left one daughter. Mary married Mr. Harry Allen and had two sons, Donald and Robert.

At Milan on March 20, 1895, Professor Felton married Julia B. Comstock. She was born at the old Comstock homestead in Milan Township east of Milan Village, December 11, 1843. As a young girl she attended the Milan Normal School. She still occupies the pleasant residence on Seminary Street in Milan, formerly the home of her parents, where she and her husband spent his last years. Mrs. Felton is a daughter of Philo and Julia Ann (Austin) Comstock. Her grandfather Nathan Sillick Comstock, married Betsey Seymour, and they were all natives of Connecticut. Nathan S. Comstock was one of the fire sufferers at Norwalk, Connecticut, during the Revolutionary war, and was given a large grant of land in the vicinity of Milan, Ohio. Philo Comstock, who was born February 5, 1809, in 1827, came with his sister Betsey, two years his junior, by way of the Hudson River and the Erie Canal and by boat to Huron and Milan, and took up his home on the portion of fire lands granted to his father. He began the improvement of his place, and in 1829 married Mary Newcomb. She died about eighteen months later. December 25, 1832, he married Julia A. Austin. She was born in Stamford, Connecticut, May 8, 1811, and also belonged to old Connecticut and New England stock. After their marriage they spent several years on the 300-acre farm, where they built a large brick house with a dozen rooms and of old colonial style of architecture. About 1875 Mr. Comstock retired to Milan and died in that village November 7, 1892. His wife passed away March 14, 1895. The Comstocks were among the most prominent people of this section of Ohio, and lived lives of eminent usefulness and honor in the community. Philo Comstock and wife were charter members of the Milan Presbyterian Church and helped to build the first church edifice and supported its activities, and he was an elder for many years. In politics he was a republican. The Comstock children were: George S., who died young; Edward A., who was in service as a Union soldier during the Civil war, was twice married, had three daughters and a son, and is now living at the Soldiers' Home in Sandusky; Francis D., also died young; Gertrude married John F. Randolph of Norwalk, and they have a son and two daughters; the next in age is Mrs. Felton; Emma F. was married to Charles V. LaVayea of Cleveland, and she now makes her home with Mrs. Felton at Milan. Mrs. Felton is an active member of the Presbyterian church, belongs to the Research Club in Milan, and is past matron of Edison Chapter No. 112 of the Order of Eastern Star.

Jude C. Canfield. The fine farm home in Florence Township now owned and occupied by Jude C. Canfield is the place where he was born, and which has been in the family for three successive generations. The Canfields have lived in this part of Northern Ohio for more than seventy years, and have been useful factors in converting the wilderness into a prosperous and highly developed country. The genealogical records of the Canfield family show its origin in France as early as 1350 A. D.,

and from that country members of the name came to America during the colonial epoch.

Mr. Canfield's home is in Florence Township near the Huron County line, where he was born October 9, 1874. His parents were Darwin R. and Eunice (Corbin) Canfield, both of whom were natives of Huron County. His father was born May 24, 1846, and died January 20, 1892, and the mother was born September 12, 1848, and died April 26, 1895. The paternal grandparents were Calvert C. and Mary (Hanford) Canfield, who came from the East and found settlement in the wilderness of Huron County in the very early days. Calvert Canfield, while living most of his life in Huron County, also acquired the land in Florence Township now occupied by his grandson. Darwin R. Canfield and wife were married in Wakeman Township of Huron County, May 31, 1869, and began housekeeping on the place now owned by his son in Florence Township, and on this tract of seventy acres they erected a fine house, large barns, and spent their lives and later years in comfort and plenty. Darwin R. Canfield inherited this farm in Florence Township formerly owned by his father. They were members of the Congregational Church, and in politics he was a republican.

The only child of his parents, Jude C. Canfield grew up as a farmer boy and obtained a substantial education in local schools. After the death of his father he became owner of the seventy acres which had first been owned by his grandfather and later by his father, and has since made it into a fine farm, with substantial buildings, including an eight-room white house and a barn 30x40 feet, and also a drying house 24x40 feet for his sweet corn crop, which is one of the important items in his agricultural business. He also grows abundant crops of corn, wheat, oats, has considerable meadow, and is in every way a progressive agriculturist.

He was married in Wakeman Township to Miss Ina Owen. Mrs. Canfield was born in Townsend Township of Huron County, June 27, 1879, and was educated in the Wakeman High School. Her parents are Romando and Georgia (Sherman) Owen, the former of Townsend Township, where he was born in 1860, and the mother, born in 1861, was a native of Wakeman Township, Huron County. They have been active farmers in Huron County during the greater part of their lives and now live in Wakeman Village, being members of the Congregational Church there, while her father is a republican. Mr. and Mrs. Canfield are the parents of three children: Geneva, who was born October 13, 1900, and is now a student in the Wakeman High School; Pauline, born March 17, 1901, and also in the same high school; and Owen C., born January 15, 1904, and now attending the grade schools. Mr. Canfield and family support the Congregational Church and all the movements for the benefit of their locality and in politics he is a republican.

Life and Work of Hudson Tuttle and His Wife Emma Rood Tuttle. The life work of Hudson Tuttle is not confined to Erie County but is world wide. To a world view Erie County is but a small dot on the surface of the globe. Yet from that point, through the genius of such men as Hudson Tuttle, has radiated an influence that has touched the minds and hearts of people living in the remotest bounds. It was because he passed his entire home life in Erie County and departed from it to the immortal life on December 14, 1910, that a history of Erie County would be incomplete without an outline of his career.

His parents came to the town now known as Berlin in the early '30s, about 1831 or 1832, and bought the land, entirely uncleared, which is now known as Walnut Grove Farm, the old Tuttle homestead, where Hudson was born in 1836. His father was a native of Long Island and

his mother of New Hampshire. Both were excellent people and noted for their integrity, intelligence and all around good citizenship. His father, Nathan Tuttle, lived to be eighty-nine years of age, and his mother, Maria Monroe Tuttle, reached the age of ninety-two. Hudson's prospects for length of years was apparently good, but his ambition always overdrew on his strength, and his intense mental activity would not stop for a tired body. So his body slept "the sleep which knows no waking" at the age of seventy-four.

His work is still carried on at the old place, the Hudson Tuttle Publishing Company, Berlin Heights, Ohio, from which go out books to all parts of the world.

Mr. Tuttle was married in 1857 to Miss Emma D. Rood of Braceville, Ohio, also a writer with whom he became acquainted by her contributions to a Cleveland periodical. After their marriage they wrote, published and blended their literary labors, as well as home building and rearing of children, and in those beneficent activities their ideal marriage partnership endured for fifty-two years. They celebrated their golden wedding by the publication of "A Golden Sheaf" which is still sold and from it is extracted the portion of what Mr. Tuttle says in "Ourselves" his introduction to the readers of the book.

"A journey of fifty years! How interminable it seems looking ahead, how short looking pastward! It would have been wearisome, objectless, selfish and disappointing, had it been taken alone. With companionship, support, sympathy and mutual trust, its cares are lightened, the weary days shortened, the flinty paths softened with the flowers of loving kindness. Now we have reached the western slope of the Great Divide, and in quiet I ask my companion: Had you known, that lovely morning we first met, all that fate had stored for our united lives, all the dark hours of pain, choking grief, disappointment, exacting tasks, would you have answered yes?

"I know you would affirm as unreservedly as would I, for, after all, the days of sunshine have been many and the dark days exceptional. They have come into our lives, not by our own seeking, but by the force of circumstances, and we have mastered them, not have they made the waters of life bitter, or broken its current. In the main they have been such as come to the lot of all, and we, standing together, have been stronger to meet and dare, than we could have been alone.

"We thought our home, with the precious three children, ideal, and their going out into the world was hard to bear. Yet we could not always have them in the nest. The fledgling bird must fly, for the air is its element and it can be happy only when exercising its freedom. Nor could we hold our eldest with earthly ties, and must solace our aching hearts with the reflection that she gained a purer sphere by her emancipation from mortal life.

"They are all ours still, two on earth, one in heaven, and the heavenly one is nearer and visits us oftener; is the most intimately ours, though our mortal senses fail to reveal her shadowy form.

"The kindest manifestation of overbrooding love is the thick and impenetrable veil that shuts the future from us. Our strength is not wasted in vain fear of the inevitable, and when we meet tomorrow's message, we can bravely respond. Day by day it comes, and for the requirements made on us we have strength.

"All our children were born in the old farm homestead. Here they were reared. They have left souvenirs in the trees and shrubbery planted; the arbors they built, and pictures they sketched on the walls. The great elm was planted by our boy, Carl, when five years old. It was a tiny seedling with only three leaves when he brought it from the woodland. The tree with crimson foliage, our eldest daughter planted and

like everything she touched, responded with vigorous growth. The wauhoo which all winter enlivens with its red fruitage, Claire, our youngest, brought from the woods when in leaf and made it live and grow by constant attention. The tall, ambitious lombardy which flaunts its aspiring coronal, like a gigantic plume, was set by Madge, our granddaughter, as she said, 'to keep my memory green.'

"And well do I remember, it is more than sixty years ago, my mother planted a walnut by the gate, saying that she wanted a shade tree there. Father gloomily said no one would live to see her tree cast a shadow. Now it spreads out its great limbs and the first frost covers the ground with its fruitage. The long row of beautiful maples, which flame in the autumn days, well do I remember when my father transplanted them, and I with childish strength held them up while he sighted them into line.

"Under the cedars is the grave of Trouper, our beloved St. Bernard, most human of all animals, most devoted and sympathetic.

"The rooms of the house which for half a century have been gathering bric-a-brac, books, pictures, and nameless gifts of friends, vibrate with influences which awaken a thousand memories—pleasing memories —with shadows here and there.

"Of the earliest guest that my memory recalls (of my parents) was Prof. O. S. Fowler, then in the floodtide of his efforts to bring phrenology before the world, and make it a factor of education. He had utilized the theoretical teachings of Dr. Gall, and his lectures captivated a public which was just awakening from the lethargy of religious domination and craving to be led to new fields. Phrenology did not prove itself a 'science' nor establish the great claims he made for it, but he carried with it a tide of common sense in hygiene, self-culture, social relations, and liberal thought, and represented the most advanced ideas of the time—and far ahead of the time. Phrenology has passed, but the liberal ideas, religious, social and domestic, have displaced the old, and few there are who give this earthly pioneer the credit he deserves."

The broad scope to which Hudson Tuttle aspired even in childhood shows why his books are now in greater demand than ever before by educators, psychic students and even theologians. When he was a little lad a traveling preacher went through the woods on horseback and stopped with his parents over night, when the conversation was mostly on religion and beliefs, to which Hudson listened eagerly, noticing his alertness, said: "I guess you'll make a preacher, my boy, when you are a man." "If I do," said the lad, "I shall preach what you dont!" and he did. He wrote over a wide range of subjects, the best idea of which can be obtained by a brief quotation of the titles and some of the comments made on the standard works on Spiritualism published by the Tuttles. This list is as follows:

The Arcana of Nature, by Hudson Tuttle, with an introduction by Emmett Densmore, M. D. This book, first published nearly fifty years ago, and a long time out of print, has been republished in London. That it has been translated into several languages, and a new edition demanded, indicates its value.

A Golden Sheaf, by Hudson and Emma Rood Tuttle. Made of what the writers regard as among the most valuable of their inspirations in prose and poetry. A souvenir of their golden wedding.

Mediumship and Its Laws. Answering the question: How can I become a Medium? By Hudson Tuttle.

Religion of Man and Ethics of Science. By Hudson Tuttle.

The Arcana of Spiritualism; a Manual of Spiritual Science and Philosophy. By Hudson Tuttle.

Origin and Antiquity of Man.

Evolution of the God and Christ Ideas. By Hudson Tuttle.

From Soul to Soul. By Emma Rood Tuttle. This volume contains the best poems of the author and her most popular songs, with the music by eminent composers.

Asphodel Blooms and Other Offerings. By Emma Rood Tuttle. This volume is dedicated "To those whose thoughts and longings reach into the Unseen Land of Souls this handful of Asphodels, mixed with common flowers, is offered, hoping to give rest and pleasure while waiting at the way station on the journey thither."

Angell-Prize Contest Recitations. By Emma Rood Tuttle.

The Lyceum Guide. By Emma Rood Tuttle.

Stories from Beyond the Borderland. By Hudson and Emma Rood Tuttle.

Mr. Tuttle has left for publication much valuable matter the world may yet see. His "Log Book of the Lucy Ann," a marine novel, is complete, and will some time appear.

He longed to stay and complete his work, and to establish mental freedom. He said: "When the sun of knowledge shines from the zenith of the cloudless heavens, and there remains no dark shadow of ignorance behind which superstition may linger, then man will find restful peace in the certainty of law and order. Then will have perished the Religion of Pain, which has through past ages held mankind on its rack of torture, and will have dawned in the millennial day, which is not divine, but essentially human, the Religion of Joy."

Charles O. Merry. Here and there in Erie County can be found a family whose permanent residence can be traced back continuously for more than a century to the earliest pioneer times in this section of Northern Ohio. Such is true of the Merry family, represented by Charles O. Merry, one of the prominent farmer citizens of Milan Township. Milan Township was the original seat of the Merrys in this county, and where the name was established prior to the War of 1812.

Mr. Merry is a son of the late Ebenezer Merry and his grandfather was also named Ebenezer, and the same name was given to his great-grandfather. This family was founded in America early in the eighteenth century by Cornelius Merry, who with his wife left England and founded a home in Connecticut. A son of this emigrant was also named Cornelius, and spent his life in Connecticut. Ebenezer, the first of the name, was born about 1750 and in 1772 married Sarah Whiting. They both died in the New England states.

Ebenezer Merry, the grandfather of Charles O., was born at West Hartford, Connecticut, July 21, 1773, and after growing up moved to Avon, New York. He was married there May 5, 1800, to Charlotte Adams. The marriage certificate is written plainly in pen and ink by the justice of the peace Isaiah Fish. Charlotte Adams was born in Vermont, August 17, 1789, and was a daughter of Avon Adams, who belonged to the same Adams family which produced those eminent patriots and statesmen, John Adams and others of that name, who gained familiar places in American history during the Revolution.

Soon after their marriage Ebenezer and Charlotte Merry set out for the new country of Northern Ohio, journeying the entire distance on horseback and much of the way through dense woods inhabited by Indians, whose trails they followed, and they passed by cabins of early settlers and Indian wigwams in almost equal number. They arrived in the wilds of what is now Erie County and made their location near Milan Village. They were among the first occupants of the "fire lands" in Erie County, and in that publication known as "The Fire Lands

Pioneers'' published in June, 1882, in Volume 1 on page 135, extensive mention is made of the life and character of Ebenezer Merry and his wife. Ebenezer Merry built the first grist and sawmill at Milan. This was an institution possibly surpassing that of any other in its value to the early development of the community. Largely as a result of his enterprise Milan became one of the most thriving of the new towns in the northern part of the state. All the early settlers living in a radius of many miles came to Milan in those days to get their grist ground and also to obtain their supplies of building material. Outside of his prominence as an industrial leader and business man Ebenezer and his good wife were chiefly noted for the hospitality which characterized their home. It is said that no traveler ever passed their way who was not invited within their doors and given the privilege freely of eating and remaining as long as he desired. In consequence of this open handed liberality their home came to be known as ''The Free Inn.'' Ebenezer Merry helped to lay out the young Town of Milan, and he also owned a farm on the Huron River north of that village. During the War of 1812 the early settlers put up a blockhouse, to which all resorted in time of threatened danger. The repeated election of Ebenezer Merry to the early State Legislature and his service for two terms as associate judge plainly indicate his prominence in public affairs. About 1816 he built a large and substantial house, the wooden frame and siding being reenforced and plastered on the outside thus making it one of the most comfortable and elaborate of the early homes in Milan Township. On the site of this old home stood the large house subsequently owned by his son Ebenezer and still later by his grandson, Charles O. Merry. Grandfather Ebenezer died at Milan, January 6, 1846. His widow passed away at the old homestead, where Charles O. Merry now lives, and which stands on the bluff overlooking the Huron River and also commands a view of the birthplace of Thomas Edison. She died there February 8, 1879. Both were active members of the Presbyterian Church and in politics he was a whig.

Among the children of Ebenezer and Charlotte Merry was Ebenezer, Jr., who was born in or near Milan, January 15, 1820. He spent much of his life at the old home built on the brow of the hill north of Milan in 1837. He gained a very substantial education according to the standards of that time, and was engaged as a teacher at the old Merry schoolhouse which stood on the prairie three miles out from Milan. When only eleven years of age he lost a leg, but in spite of that handicap led a very active career. He was one of the first republicans to join the new party and filled a number of offices with signal ability. From 1844 to 1850 he was a county recorder, from 1850 to 1867 was engaged in business, part of the time as miller and part of the time as a ship builder. In 1867 he was elected county auditor, and held that office continuously by popular election for fourteen years. While a county official his home was in Sandusky, but on retiring from office he returned to Milan and resumed his occupation as a miller. He died at the old home built by his father in 1837 and was about sixty-eight years of age when called away on April 11, 1888. He was a man of sterling worth, of trusted and tried character, and fitly merits a place in any history of Erie County. He was married in Milan in 1848 to Attie C. Moore. She was born in Avon, New York, August 15, 1824, and was only a girl when she came to Erie County with her parents, Milton and Ruth (Merry) Moore, who settled on a farm near Hawleys Corners. Her father was born at Farmington, Connecticut, in 1779, and died in Milan in 1847, while her mother was born at Avon, New York, in 1792, and died January 31, 1850. The children of Ebenezer and Attie Merry were five sons and three daughters. Ruth died December 21, 1871, unmarried.

Ebenezer who continued that name into this generation, died at Atchison, Kansas, at the age of twenty-eight, unmarried. Ella C., born in 1852, died in 1864. Charles O. is next in age. Allen H., born in April, 1858, died in the following September. Willis P., born in 1859, is a house painter and decorater at Milan, and by his marriage to Catherine Halpin has children named Catherine, Mary A., James H., Clara B. and John P.; George S. is a farmer in Milan Township and married Caroline Beeckley, who died in 1897, leaving children named Maud A., Earl G. and Helen L. Fannie L., born in 1866, died in 1871.

Charles O. Merry, who was born in Erie County, June 4, 1855, grew up in Milan Township, gained his education from the schools of his day and generation, and is now the owner of that splendid old homestead near Milan which has so many interesting associations for the Merry family. He has it improved with a set of substantial farm buildings, and the large house of eighteen rooms is the one built by his grandfather nearly eighty years ago. Mr. Merry was married at Sandusky, April 3, 1879, to Miss Elsie Capitola Rockwell. She was born in Lucas County, Ohio, January 6, 1859, but spent most of her early life in Oxford Township of this county. Her parents were John and Sarah (Wilcox) Rockwell. Her father was born at Catawba Hill in New York in 1816 and was married January 3, 1837, in Northeastern New York to Miss Wilcox who was born in Connecticut about 1820. In 1843 they moved from New York to Ohio, living for two years at Elyria, then coming to Milan Township, following which they were residents of Lucas County and spent the rest of their lives on a large farm in Oxford Township. Mrs. Merry's mother died there in 1892, while her father passed away at the Merry home in 1903. Her mother was a member of the Baptist Church and her father a Methodist and in politics he was a republican.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Merry are the following: Sarah A., born June 26, 1881, after graduating from the Milan High School was for five years a teacher, and is now the wife of Prescott Milliman, a farmer in Milan Township, and their children are Doris E., John L., Jr., and Marjorie L. Ebenezer J., born August 13, 1882, is a young bachelor still at home. Fronia Esther, born May 22, 1884, graduated from high school in 1902, and as a trained nurse from the Berea Hospital in Kentucky in 1911, and was for eighteen months in service in the Manila Hospital in the Philippines but now makes her headquarters at Berea, Kentucky. Charles H. born April 13, 1886, lives in Seattle, Washington, and by his marriage to Alice Sherwood of Ohio has a son Ralph E. Ruth R., born September 25, 1887, graduated from the high school at Milan in 1905, and is now a successful teacher in the local schools. All the children received good advantages in the way of schools as well as home training in industry and the virtues of honorable living, and their careers so far have well justified the promise of earlier youth. Mr. Merry is affiliated with Milan Tent No. 46, of the Maccabees, and in politics is a republican. Mr. Merry and family belong to the Presbyterian Church.

Charles Losey. The business of general farming and fruit growing, under the favorable conditions offered in Florence Township, has an enthusiastic and altogether successful follower in the person of Charles Losey, the owner of an excellent estate of 100 acres on Rural Route No. 1 out of Birmingham. Mr. Losey is a native of Erie County, though for a number of years he lived in the State of Michigan, and only quite recently returned to the county and rejoined the agricultural community of Florence Township.

His family is one that was identified for several generations or more with the State of New Jersey. His grandfather, Ichabod Losey, was

born in that state about 1790, was a solid and substantial farmer there, and died near Newark when past eighty-five. He married a Miss Condent, who was a native of the same state, and she also lived to advanced years. They were consistent members of the Baptist Church, and in politics he was a whig, and later joined the republican party and lived to see the triumph of its principles in the results of the Civil war, which had closed several years before his death.

In the next generation is John Losey, father of Charles. He was born near Newark, New Jersey, in 1818, grew up as a farmer boy, and when about thirty years of age came out to Ohio and while living in Huron County met Miss Sallie Ann Cole at Monroeville. They were married soon afterward in New York State. She was born at Buffalo about 1820, a daughter of John and Catherine (Francisco) Cole. Her mother was a daughter of Henry Francisco, who was born in France and came to America, probably as one of the followers of Lafayette, and served not only in the War of the Revolution but also the War of 1812. This soldier and American patriot died at Whitehall, New York, at the most remarkable age of more than a century. Mrs. John Losey had come with her mother from New York State to Ohio, her father having died and her mother having married a Mr. Hill. The latter and his wife both died in Huron County. John Losey after his marriage bought a farm near Monroeville, and he lived there until his death in 1900. His widow passed away in 1905, at the age of seventy-eight. Both were members of the Methodist Church and in politics he was a republican, and as a family they enjoyed the full respect of the community in which they lived for so many years. They were the parents of five sons and four daughters, and all of these are living except the eldest child, Ichabod, who died unmarried when about forty years of age. Kate is the widow of Gardner and lives in Norwalk, Ohio. Thomas is a farmer near Monroeville and by his marriage to Mary Parsons has five daughters. Augustus is a farmer near Monroeville, living with his brother Thomas, and has a son by his deceased wife. Mary is the wife of Patrick McDonald, and they live at Louisville, Kentucky, and have a large family of thirteen children. The next in point of age is Charles Losey. Emma is the wife of Charles Cook, a farmer at Cheboygan, Michigan, and they have two sons and four daughters. Oscar lives in Townsend Township of Huron County, and has one daughter. Eugenia is the wife of Louis Bailey, a stationary engineer living at Norwalk, and they have two sons and one daughter.

It was at Monroeville in Erie County that Charles Losey was born April 26, 1858. He grew up in that community, received his education there, and lived on his father's farm until the age of twenty-four, when he was married in Wood County, Ohio, to Miss Rose Bratton. She was born in Huron County, January 8, 1862, and died in Michigan January 8, 1900. She was reared in Wood County by her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McConnell, having been orphaned when a child by the death of her own parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bratton. Samuel Bratton was a soldier in the Civil war, was captured during one of the battles, and while kept in the notorious stockade prison at Andersonville, Georgia, died of exposure and starvation. A few years later his widow died leaving three children: Mrs. Losey; Almond, of Norwalk; and Della, wife of Seth Fickenger, of Conneaut, Ohio.

After his marriage Mr. Losey took his wife to Cheboygan County, Michigan, and there bought and improved a farm. This section of Michigan was at that time largely undeveloped and he was one of the helpful factors in the agricultural and civic community. After his wife died there he married Mrs. Fannie (Beasley) Douglass. By her former marriage she has three children: Floyd Douglass, who died at the age

of eighteen; and Abner and Herbert, both of whom are married and live in Michigan.

In the fall of 1907 Mr. Losey returned to Ohio, and at that time bought 100 acres of well improved land, with excellent farm buildings, near the Village of Florence in Florence Township. This has been the scene of his productive endeavors as a farmer for the past eight years. His early experience in Michigan and elsewhere has been valuable in the management of a farm in such an old settled country as Erie County. Besides general farming he does considerable fruit growing, and has an excellent apple orchard and nine acres of young peach trees, about 1,000 in number.

Mr. Losey by his first wife had nine children: Condent is a bachelor living at Des Moines, Iowa; Fred lives at Missoula, Montana, and is married and has one daughter; Frank is a farmer with his father and still unmarried; Lena is the wife of Duwayne Burrows, a farmer in Florence Township and they have a son named Charles; Flossie lives at home; Lillie is the wife of Lloyd Davidson of Elyria, Ohio, and their children are Rosa, Belda and Wade; Margaret is the wife of Frank Parker, living east of Wellington, Ohio, and they have a son Charles J.; Belle lives at home; and Ada, the youngest, is now the adopted daughter of her aunt, Mrs. Cook of Cheboygan County, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Losey and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a republican and while living in Michigan served as clerk of his township.

George P. Bentley. After years of successful endeavor as one of the representative agriculturists of Erie County, Mr. Bentley removed from the old homestead farm which had been his place of abode from the time of his birth and established his residence in the Village of Birmingham, in 1912, and here he has since lived in the well earned retirement that consistently rewards him for the former years of earnest and productive application. He is a scion of the third generation of the Bentley family in Erie County and the name which he bears has been prominently and worthily identified with the industrial and civic development and upbuilding of this now opulent section of the Buckeye State, where his paternal grandfather established a home in the midst of the forest wilds nearly a century ago.

On the homestead farm of which he himself became the owner and which is now owned and occupied by his only daughter and her husband, in Florence Township, George P. Bentley was born on the 4th of August, 1850, and he is a son of Parker and Amanda (Crawford) Bentley, both of whom were natives of the State of New York and representatives of sterling families that were founded in New England in the colonial era of our national history.

Parker Bentley was born about the year 1820, and was a son of John and Anna (Parker) Bentley, both natives of the State of New York, where the former was born April 20, 1782, and the latter on the 1st of September, 1792, their marriage having there been solemnized in December, 1818. In the old Empire State they continued their residence until after the birth of three of their children, and in the early '30s they came with their family to Ohio, the journey having been made with wagons and ox teams. John Bentley acquired a tract of timbered land in the wilds of Florence Township, Erie County, where Indians and wild game were still much in evidence, and his primitive log house was one of the early pioneer dwellings established in the township mentioned. This sturdy pioneer, with the assistance of his sons, reclaimed his land to cultivation, and the old homestead, which comprises 150 acres and which is situated to the east of the Vermilion River, on what is known as the

East Vermilion Road, is now owned by his grandson, Ira Bentley, of whom individual mention is made on other pages of this work. The members of the family did not escape the ravages of the all prevailing ague, or "chills and fever," and to avoid the same John Bentley and other members of the family went back to the State of New York seven different times, in as many seasons, before improvements and individual immunity made it possible for them to remain consecutively on the pioneer homestead. On this pioneer farmstead John continued to reside until his death, which occurred March 29, 1859, and there his widow was summoned to eternal rest on the 28th of April, 1862. Concerning their children the following brief record is entered: Sheba Ann became the wife of James Wood and died without issue; Andomeda married Silas Dunham and she was a resident of Michigan at the time of her death, one of her children still surviving her; Parker is the father of him whose name introduces this article; the next child, a son, died in infancy; Margaret became the wife of Dr. Moses Trumbull and both were residents of Ohio at the time of their death, all of their children being now deceased; Anna, the wife of Ebenezer Hopkins, died in Florence Township, and two of her children are yet living; John, Jr., was the father of Ira Bentley and further reference to him is made elsewhere in this volume, in the sketch of the career of the son.

Parker Bentley was a lad of about ten years at the time of the family immigration to Erie County, where he was reared to manhood on the pioneer farm, to the reclamation and development of which he contributed his aid. After his marriage he established his home on a tract of land that was mostly covered with timber and without any definite improvement. This place is situated on the Butler Road, about half a mile distant from the old homestead of his father. There he reclaimed a productive farm of 140 acres, and there he continued to reside until his death, which occurred about a quarter of a century ago. As a young man he wedded Miss Amanda Crawford, who was born in the same neighborhood as was he, in the State of New York, and who was a daughter of Alexander and Martha (Wood) Crawford, likewise pioneer settlers in Erie County. Mrs. Bentley survived her husband by nine years and both were consistent members of the Christian Church,—earnest and upright folk who ever commanded unqualified popular esteem. Mr. Bentley was a staunch supporter of the cause of the democratic party and was influential in public affairs of a local order, as shown by his having served as a member of the board of trustees of Florence Township. Of the two surviving children George P. of this review is the elder, and his sister, Sarah, now a resident of the Village of Birmingham, this county, is the widow of John Brogran, whose death occurred at Medina, this state. Mrs. Brogran's first husband was Sidney A. Smith, and their daughter Clara is the only child of Mrs. Brogran, Mr. Smith having been a resident of Erie County at the time of his death. Clara, the only child, first wedded Jay Heath, and they became the parents of one daughter, Dorothy, who remains with her mother. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Heath became the wife of Herman Behrens and they reside in the City of Elyria, Lorain County.

Reared to manhood on the old home farm which was the place of his nativity, George P. Bentley made good use of the advantages afforded in the common schools of the locality, and thereafter was for six terms a student of higher branches, under the preceptorship of Job Fish, an able and popular instructor. He continued to be associated in the work and management of the home farm until the death of his father, shortly after which he became the owner of the property. There he continued his active and successful operations as an agriculturist and stock-grower until his retirement and removal to Birmingham, in 1912. The farm is

specially well improved, having a substantial house of twelve rooms and two large barns, besides which its equipment includes the best type of silo and a modern windmill. The farm is now owned by Mr. Bentley's son-in-law, Clinton E. Ennis, who is one of the progressive and representative young farmers of Erie County. Upon his removal to Birmingham Mr. Bentley purchased his present attractive residence of eight rooms, and the supreme loss and bereavement in his life came with the death of his noble and devoted wife, who here passed to the life eternal on the 24th of March, 1914, at the age of fifty-nine years.

In Wakeman Township, Huron County, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Bentley to Miss Julia E. Deman, who was there born and reared. The only child, Elsie, acquired her education in the public schools of Birmingham and is now the wife of Clinton E. Ennis, owning and occupying the old home farm of her father. They have two children, Glenn, born in 1905, and Julia, born in 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Ennis are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as was also Mrs. Bentley, whose gentle and gracious personality gained to her the affectionate regard of all who came within the sphere of her influence. Mr. Bentley is a democrat in national politics but in local affairs is not constrained by strict partisan lines, as he gives his support to men and measures meeting the approval of his judgment. He served four terms as assessor of Florence Township but official preferment has not been a magnet of any special attraction for him. He was formerly affiliated with the Birmingham camp of the Knights of the Maccabees and served nine years as its commander.

Nicholas Nieding. The really free man is one who has some share in controlling and making his own destiny. It is the satisfaction which comes from in some measure creating one's own career that gives value to such substantial citizens as Nicholas Nieding, who is one of the thrifty and progressive farmers of Florence Township, owning an attractive homestead along Rural Route No. 2 out of Wakeman. He is a farmer and stock raiser, and his home is situated on the west bank of the Vermilion River along the West Vermilion River Road. With fifty-one acres under his control and management, he has more than a local reputation as a grower of fine crops. Most of his farm land is situated in the river bottom, and possesses a fertility which wisely managed has proved the basis of Mr. Nieding's prosperity. Mr. Nieding bought this farm in 1909, having previously for two years operated the Funk farm near Birmingham.

Nearly all his active career of more than twenty years has been spent as a farmer in Erie County. However, he was born in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County, September 25, 1872, and was reared and educated there. He has lived in Erie County for the past twenty-five years. Mr. Nieding's parents and ancestors were substantial German people through all the generations. He is a son of Henry and Christina (Fraley) Nieding, who were born in Germany, and were married soon after they came to America. They became man and wife in Milan Township of Erie County and the father started his career as a renter on a farm. Subsequently they removed to Brownhelm Township in Lorain County, where he bought seventy acres of wild wood land. It was necessary to cut down a number of trees to clear a space before he could erect his first frame house. It was a substantial home, comprising eight rooms, and he also added other farm buildings, and made it a most valuable and attractive place. Prosperity rewarded his efforts, and he spent his last years in comfort. His death occurred in July, 1895, at the age of sixty-four, while the mother passed away February 21, 1909, being then seventy-one years of age. Both were members of the German Reformed

Church, having been reared in that faith, while in politics he was a democrat. While they were people of most substantial character and achievements themselves, they deserve further honor because of their fine family of ten children, six sons and four daughters, all of whom are married and have families of their own, and all live in this part of the state.

After growing up in Lorain County and getting his education in the local schools, Nicholas Nieding married at Sandusky Miss Emma C. Horchler. She was born in Licherode, Germany, December 26, 1868. She was only thirteen years of age when she set out alone for the United States, leaving her parents behind in Germany where they died about two years later. She made the journey from Bremen to New York, and thence came on to Erie County, where she joined some of her sisters. She lived for a time with her sister Mrs. Margaret Stump. Her other sisters were Mrs. Martha Asmus, now deceased, Mrs. Elizabeth Goodside, of Milan, and Catherine, who died after her marriage to Peter Leimbach.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nieding have been born three children. Christina H., born June 12, 1895, is now the wife of Lloyd Moats and lives in Berlin Heights; Carl E., born May 5, 1899, is still attending school and lives at home with his parents; Caroline M., born April 24, 1902, is also in school. Mr. and Mrs. Nieding are both well known people in their community, are attendants of the Reformed Church and in politics he is a republican.

William D. Daugherty. More than any other one factor the railroad has developed the great resources of America. Thousands of individual communities derive their importance from their close relations with some great railroad system on which they are stationed. Very frequently the people of a community know a railroad in the personal sense only through its local representative, and whether a railroad means much or little to a town and the degree of esteem in which the transportation corporation stands in such locality very often depends upon the personality of its representative.

The thriving little Village of Avery in Erie County has been particularly fortunate not only as a result of the several splendid factories which have increased the life of the place but also on account of its location along the line of the Nickel Plate Railway. For many years the Nickel Plate has been personified in the minds of local citizens through the passenger and freight agent, the genial William D. Daugherty, who for nearly a quarter of a century has been the efficient medium for the transaction of business between the railroad and the community. Mr. Daugherty is the type of railroad man who renders a real service. He began serving this railway corporation in March, 1890, as a telegraph operator at Kimball in Oxford Township, but after eighteen months was transferred to Avery, and has since administered his duties on the chief transportation line through this locality with signal ability and efficiency, and has also identified himself with community life and affairs. He stands high as a citizen, as a churchman and as a member of the Masonic Order, and owns one of the most attractive and beautiful homes of the village. While this is a small community it is a name which is gaining increasing prominence through associations with important industries that have their seat there. The three principal industries are, first of all, the great Hoover Manufacturing Company, and also a tile and brick company and sand company and elevator, all of which furnish an immense traffic to the railroad at this point. Mr. Daugherty has a valuable faculty of being able to represent faithfully and efficiently an outside corporation and also to look carefully after the interests of his own community. Besides his position as passenger

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and freight agent he has also served as the local postmaster since McKinley's administration.

Though most of his life a resident of Ohio, William D. Daugherty was born in the Far West, at Nevada City, California, January 29, 1866. He was six years of age when brought to Ohio by his mother, who located in Danville, Knox County, Ohio, and he was reared and educated in that town. His education was completed in a business college at the Danville Normal. When quite a young man he entered the railroad service, and for more than a quarter of a century has been closely identified with the Nickel Plate.

His parents were Dennis and Margaret (Kirby) Daugherty. His mother was born in Ireland, while his father was a native of Halifax, Nova Scotia, having been born there not long after his people came to America. Dennis Daugherty when quite a young man went with his parents to Iowa, and they were there among the pioneer settlers. Miss Kirby also went to Iowa as a young woman. In 1850, during the gold excitement, Dennis Daugherty went across the plains to California, riding one mule and leading another which carried his pack of supplies and equipment. On reaching the coast he procured a mining claim and continued its working for several years. Returning to "the States" in the same way as he had gone out, a journey that required several months at that time, he was married in Iowa and soon afterwards started again for the West. He and his young wife made the journey this time in a wagon, and spent day after day pushing steadily westward from the Missouri Valley to the Pacific Coast. For protection against Indians and other dangers they kept in close company with other travelers, and a number of wagons were usually drawn up for the camp at night. At Nevada City Dennis Daugherty secured a mine and conducted it successfully until his death in the latter part of 1865. He was then about forty years of age and in the prime of life. William D. Daugherty was born after the death of his father. A few months after his birth his mother returned to the East, making the journey by vessel around Cape Horn to New York and thence west to Iowa, and spent some time in straightening up the business affairs of her husband in Iowa. She then returned to California and married there Richard Banbury. After a few years they returned East and by this time the transcontinental railway line, the Union Pacific, had been completed and they made the journey over steel rails instead of by the tedious transportation methods previously employed. They located at Danville, Ohio, where they spent the rest of their lives. Mrs. Danbury died there at the age of forty-five, survived several years by her husband. Mr. Daugherty has a half brother, Charles Danbury, who was at one time deputy court clerk, served as a soldier in the Spanish-American war, and finally moved to Illinois, where he died, leaving a widow and two children. Mr. Daugherty also had a sister, Mary, who died after her marriage to Albert Emrick, leaving three children. Another brother, Edward Daugherty, is now cashier of the Danville Bank, having formerly been a teacher, and by his marriage to Clara Workman has a daughter, Elizabeth, now the wife of Wade Watson, a jeweler at Danville, Ohio.

In Berlin Township of Erie County William D. Daugherty married Miss Myra Dotson. She was born February 14, 1875, grew up and was educated in her native township and at Collins, Ohio, and is a daughter of William Dotson, a family to whom reference is made on other pages.

Mr. Daugherty is an active member of the Lodge and Royal Arch chapters of Masons at Milan, and of the Council at Norwalk. He and his wife do much work in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Milan. He is a member of the official board and his church is one of his chief

interests. His father lived and died a Catholic, but his mother after her second marriage became a Methodist and her children grew up in that faith. Politically Mr. Daugherty is a republican.

HUGH SUTTON. While reared a farmer and identified with that industry in Florence Township for several years, Hugh Sutton is now giving all his time and energy to supplying the needs of the little community of Florence Village, a place of about 100 population, and the surrounding district, with first class merchandise, operating the principal store at Florence, and having a large stock of staple goods with a store building 24 by 77 feet. Mr. Sutton is one of the younger generation of business men in Erie County, has shown himself honest and upright in all his dealings and what he has accomplished so far in life is an attractive promise of future usefulness. He has been engaged in merchandising at Florence for the past five years, at which time he came from his farm.

By the accident of birth Mr. Sutton is a native of Lorain County, having been born in Brownhelm Township, January 11, 1881. He grew up and received his education there and for eight years before engaging in merchandising was a farmer in Florence Township. His parents, Nelson and Arcelia (Reed) Sutton, were both born in Erie County, where both the Sutton and Reed families had settled in the early days. Grandfather Sutton was an early miller on Chappell Creek, Florence Township, and his mill turned out great quantities of the early lumber used in the building of homes and other improvements in that community. Nelson Sutton and wife after their marriage moved to a farm in Brownhelm Township, Lorain County, rented land there until 1902, and then moved back into Erie County, where the father bought 108 acres in Florence Township. The land was only partly improved, and after living there a few years he sold and purchased fifty-two acres near Birmingham. Nelson Sutton died there in the summer of 1912 at the age of sixty-six, but his widow is still living in the county and is now sixty-four years of age. Both parents were originally members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but in later years dropped their church relations. Mr. Sutton was a republican from the time of casting his first vote until his death. Their children were five in number. Gertrude died at the age of twenty-one; Emma is the wife of William Newberry, of Brownhelm Township, a farmer, and they have a son named Nelson; Cora is the wife of Fred C. Wykoff, a meat dealer at Toledo; William lives in Elyria and is connected with a hardware house in that city and is married and has two children, Earl and Dessie.

The youngest of the children, Hugh Sutton, managed to obtain a substantial education as a boy, but since early manhood has been self-supporting and is now not only the proprietor of a good business at Florence but also has a happy home. He was married in Vermilion Township to Miss Adaline Tisdall, who was born in that township in 1880 and received her education there. Her father, Hiram, died some years ago when in middle life, but her mother is now living with her daughter in Vermilion Township. The Tisdall family were Scotch Canadians. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton have one child, Elinor G., who was born June 2, 1906, and is now a student in the public schools. In politics so far as national affairs are concerned Mr. Sutton is a republican, but exercises his discretion in casting his ballot for local candidates.

JACOB STIEGER. Such capable citizens as Jacob Stieger are the men who are now bearing the brunt of the agricultural activity of Erie County. He is a general farmer and fruit grower in Florence Township and there owns one of the well improved farms near Masons Cor-

ners, comprising sixty-five acres of land. He has spent many years in this county and the history of his childhood and family is one of more than ordinary interest.

He was born July 4, 1862, in the Province of Odessa, in the southern part of Russia, but is of German ancestry. Several generations previously one of his ancestors had been induced to emigrate from Germany to Russia, being offered freedom from military service and all the land he could cultivate. After he had got settled these promises were disregarded, and he as well as his descendants were soon reduced to the intolerable conditions of the Russian peasants, a practical serfdom, a condition from which they were freed only by the general enactment of later years that relieved the greater part of the population of Russia from the old feudal burdens. Jacob Stieger's parents were Jacob and Caroline (Betty) Stieger. His father was a small Russian farmer, was married in that country, and all their children were born there, noted briefly as follows: Mary is the wife of Michael Schatz, a farmer in Huron Township; Gottlieb lives on a farm near Menno, South Dakota, and is married and has a family; Christina is the widow of Andrew Elmer, and lives in South Dakota and is the mother of ten children; the next is Jacob; Stephen lives in the same locality of South Dakota as his brother and sister and has a son and daughters.

When Jacob Stieger was about eleven years of age the family emigrated from Russia, passing through Germany and taking a boat from one of the German ports to England and thence by an ocean liner to America. It required nearly a month for the family to journey from their old Russian home place to New York City. From there they came on to Ohio and located on Kelly's Island, near Sandusky, and later removed into Huron Township, and for five years all the family lived in South Dakota. The parents then returned to Erie County, and the father bought forty-eight acres of land in Vermilion Township. He died there in 1899 at the age of seventy-six, while his widow passed away at the home of her son, Jacob, January 18, 1914, when within three months of her ninetieth birthday. The parents were faithful members of the German Lutheran Church, and after gaining the rights of American citizenship the father voted the republican ticket.

Such education as he had received in the schools of the old country Jacob Stieger supplemented to some extent by attending the local institutions in Erie County. He succeeded his father as owner of the 48-acre farm in Vermilion Township, but in 1905 sold that place and bought sixty-seven acres at Masons Corners, in Florence Township. This land was already in a fair state of improvement, and in the past ten years he has carried forward his work in such a way as to not only yield him annual returns and profits, but also to bring the farm to a still higher state of cultivation and improvement. When he came to the place it had a barn 30 by 40 feet, which is still standing, and he also has a new barn 30 by 30 feet, with shed, a corncrib of 600 bushels capacity, and all the farm buildings are painted red. He and his family have the comforts of a good 8-room white house. Near the group of farm buildings is a 2-acre fruit orchard. He has derived his revenue from general crops and keeps good grades of stock.

In Lorain County Mr. Stieger married Miss Catherine Gall. She was also born near Odessa, Russia, in 1865, and was still a young girl when she came with her parents to the United States. Her uncle, Jacob Gall, had first come to the United States, but four years later returned to Russia to bring his sister and her husband, the parents of Mrs. Stieger, to the land of freedom. Louis Beatty, an uncle of Mrs. Stieger, returned to Russia, but was not welcome to his native land when he returned after a brief residence in the United States, and in

fact incurred a great deal of danger and risk before getting out of the country again, having to resort to travel by night and dressed like a tramp in order to escape detection. The Gall family lived a few years in Dakota Territory, and then Mrs. Stieger's father, John Gall, who had lost his first wife and had married again, came to Erie County, Ohio, and subsequently removed to Clinton County, Michigan, where he died in 1911 at the age of seventy. His widow is still living there and is now past sixty-five.

Mr. and Mrs. Stieger have a happy family of children: Carrie, the oldest, is the wife of Jay Otto, a farmer in Berlin Township, and their children are named Mary, Edward and Charles. Anna, the second daughter, is the wife of Earl Hendrickson, of Berlin Township, and they have a daughter named Lena. William J., the oldest son, is now nineteen years of age, has completed his education and lives at home. Clara B. is a student in the Berlin Heights High School, while the two younger children are Jacob J. and Catherine, both attending the common schools. Mr. Stieger in politics is a republican and takes much interest in the local affairs of his home township.

Albert C. Hofrichter. As a dealer in groceries, produce, meats, etc., Mr. Hofrichter controls a substantial and representative business and is one of the enterprising merchants of the fine little City of Vermilion, his civic loyalty as well as his personal popularity in the community being indicated by his effective service as a member of the board of education of the district. He has maintained his home at Vermilion since 1906, has won distinctive success in his business activities and has a secure place in the confidence and good will of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Hofrichter has the distinction of claiming the Ohio metropolis as the place of his nativity, for he was born in the City of Cleveland, on the 24th of May, 1887. He is a son of Joseph A. and Julia J. (Rolshouse) Hofrichter, the former of whom was born in Louisville, Kentucky, and the latter of whom was born in the State of Pennsylvania. The Hofrichter family was early founded in Cleveland and has been one of prominence and influence among other leading German families of that city. The father of the subject of this review was for many years engaged in the sheet-metal, roofing and cornice business in Cleveland and at one time was proprietor of the Cuyahoga Cornice Works. He was one of the substantial and highly esteemed business men of the beautiful Forest City, and there he continued his residence until his death, his wife having preceded him to the life eternal.

In the public schools of his native city Albert C. Hofrichter received excellent educational advantages in his boyhood and youth, though the death of his parents early rendered it necessary for him to become largely dependent upon his own resources, his mother having died when he was but six years of age and his father having passed away about two years later. When he attained to the age of fourteen years Mr. Hofrichter found employment in the wholesale grocery house of the Ross & Sprague Company, and after remaining one year with this representative Cleveland firm he had gained such experience as to make him eligible for advancement. He passed a year in the employ of Grace & Housen, jobbers and wholesale dealers in groceries, and later he amplified his experience through his association with the representative Cleveland firm of Strong, Carlisle & Hammond, engaged in the machinery and general supply business. For some time Mr. Hofrichter held the position of assistant secretary of the boys' department in the Cleveland Young Men's Christian Association, and subsequently he was employed by a Cleveland company engaged in the brass and gas-fixture business.

In 1906, as a young man of nineteen years, Mr. Hofrichter came to

Erie County and established his residence at Vermilion, where he entered the employ of the F. W. Wakefield Brass Company, of which he eventually became an interested principal and of which he was made secretary and treasurer in 1910. Of this dual executive office he continued the incumbent until January, 1915, when he established his present independent business enterprise, which has proved most successful under his energetic and well ordered management. He continued his identification with the F. W. Wakefield Brass Company, of which he is a director, and he is recognized as one of the alert and successful young business men and loyal and public-spirited citizens of the city and county of his adoption. He is a republican in his political proclivities, is a valued member of the board of education of Vermilion and both he and his wife hold membership in the Church of Christ.

On the 4th of June, 1908, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hofrichter to Miss Clara M. Wakefield, daughter of Frederick W. Wakefield, of Vermilion, and the three children of this union are Albert C., Jr., Hazel W., and Margaret J.

Isaac Spore. The late Isaac Spore, long a resident of Erie County, Ohio, came of a family that had its origin in Holland, and representatives of the name were long established in the farming country of the Hudson River Valley in the State of New York. As a rule, few of the name penetrated beyond the confines of the valley. They were well content to spend their days in the peace and quiet of their wholesome and industrious lives, and they did much from generation to generation to upbuilding communities wherein they spent their days. One of the name, however, who was not content to live and die in the valley was David Spore, the father of the subject of this review.

David Spore was born on June 27, 1809, and died at his home in Berlin Township, Erie County, Ohio, August 6, 1866. He was reared in the trade of a stone mason in Albany County, New York, and there he married Lucy Pratt, born in New York State in 1813, and the daughter of a country lawyer and a prominent local musician in his time. In about 1852 David Spore, with his wife and children, came, via the Erie Canal and Lake Erie, to Sandusky, Ohio. Later they came to the home of a kinsman, Abram Spore, who had settled previously in Huron County, and after they had a chance to look about them the newcomers bought a home in Berlin and there spent the remainder of their lives. David Spore died there in 1866. He spent the years of his life in the work of his trade. He was a whig and a republican. His widow survived him for some years, and passed away at the home of their daughter, Mrs. William H. Jefferson. Mrs. Spore was familiarly known in the community as Aunt Lucy, and she was deeply loved and genuinely mourned when she departed this life. She was prominent in the Adventist Church, and was a devoted Sunday-school worker all her life. She was also devoted to the cause of temperance, and did much good in the community to promote a higher standard of living.

Isaac Spore was one of nine children of his parents. He was born in Albany County, New York, on the highest point of Helderburg Mountain, on August 20, 1833, and he was nineteen years old when he came with his parents to Ohio. He had a fairly good education for that time, obtained in the schools of Albany County, and after coming to Ohio he entered Oberlin Academy, after which he taught school for some time. After his marriage, however, he turned his attention to farm life and settled on the farm which was his wife's property. It was situated on the State Road in Florence Township, and on the opposite side of the road was a 68-acre tract which he owned himself. Mr. Spore died on May 7, 1900, at the home place. He was one of the dependable men of

the town, straightforward and just, manifesting in his every-day life those sterling traits that ever mark the man of Holland ancestry.

Mr. Spore was married in this township and county to Elizabeth Judson. She was born in the house in which she took up her married life, and she has spent her days there down to this time. She is the daughter of James and Betsy (Burr) Judson, and she was born June 16, 1837. Her parents were natives of Connecticut.

It is more than ninety years since James Clarke Judson settled in Erie County. He was for a great many years one of the leading men of Florence Township and his work as a surveyor in particular has left its permanent impress on the lines and subdivisions of a considerable portion of this county. He is honored by a number of descendants in this and other states.

Born in Ballston Springs, New York, April 10, 1795, James Clarke Judson was a son of Andrew and Charlotte (Clarke) Judson, both of Monroe, Connecticut. They moved back to Monroe from Ballston Springs soon after the birth of their son. Andrew Judson was a son of Ephraim, and the line is traced back through successive generations with Deacon John, Deacon Ephraim, John, Joseph, and William. William was the founder of the family in America in the year 1634. Charlotte Clarke was a daughter of Capt. James Clarke. Her ancestors preceding Captain Clarke were Zechariah, James, James, James, and the last named James signed the fundamental articles of agreement at New Haven, Connecticut, in 1639.

James C. Judson married Betsy Burr, a daughter of John and Jerusha (Beardsley) Burr. She was born December 16, 1798. After their marriage they lived at Brookfield, Connecticut, where he was occupied with his trade as blacksmith, until the spring of 1825. He then emigrated to Florence, Huron County, now Erie County, Ohio, bringing his wife and baby and the family of his wife's parents. Mr. Judson settled on a farm a mile west of Florence Corners. Two years later he went back to Connecticut on horseback and returned by horse and wagon as far as Buffalo and by boat from there to Huron, bringing with him his eldest daughter, who had been left behind on account of illness.

In 1835 Mr. Judson sold the west part of his farm, on which he had built a frame house, now occupied by Prof. Job Fish. The following year he built another house farther east, where he and his wife spent the rest of their days.

Mr. Judson's services as a surveyor, an art in which he had become skilled, were in much demand in the new country of Erie County. His name appeared frequently on the county records as engineer of many of the roads in Erie and Huron counties. He was a charter member of the Episcopal Church at Wakeman, and was a faithful attendant until the decline of that church, when he and his family worshiped with the Methodist Church at Florence.

He was much respected in the community and his counsel was frequently sought by those in trouble. He settled many estates and was guardian of several children and their estates. He was of a genial disposition and a good playmate for all children who visited at his home.

Mrs. Judson died February 23, 1885, and he followed her on April 1, 1885. Their children were: Nancy J., born in 1822; Burr, born in 1824; Antoinette, born in 1829; Albert W., born in 1831; Elizabeth, born in 1837; and Charlotte, born in 1839. Of this family the only survivor is Mrs. Elizabeth Spore, who lives on the old home. Nancy married Russell W. Butler and died in Norwalk, September 26, 1909. Burr married for his first wife Sarah Bissell, and for his second wife Melissa Jones, and he died in Crown Point, Indiana, in 1899. Antoi-

nette married William W. Bissell, of Clarksfield, and died March 10, 1914. Albert W. married for his first wife Cynthia Scott and for his second wife Mary Ann Fish, and he died in Sandusky, April 22, 1904. Elizabeth married Isaac Spore. Charlotte died young.

To Isaac Spore and his wife five children were born, of whom brief mention is made as follows:

Arthur M. Spore is secretary of the American Crayon Company of Sandusky. He married Minnie Porter, daughter of Joseph Porter, who was for years master mechanic for the Big Four Railroad. They have children as follows: Charlotte R., Howard J., Leland P., Esther L., and Judson P.

Clarence J. Spore was educated in Oberlin Academy. He is a prosperous farmer of Florence Township, occupying a part of the old Spore place. He married Carrie M. Church, and they have a son, Harold C., a graduate of Oberlin College, class of 1914, and now an instructor of the physical training department in that institution.

Herbert C. Spore lives in Oberlin. He is a graduate of the Berlin High School, and also attended the Indiana State Normal at Valparaiso, Indiana, and the Ohio State Normal at Athens, Ohio. For many years afterward he was engaged in teaching, but is now successfully identified with agricultural pursuits. He married Amy Walker Barlin, and they have three children. Arthur W. Spore, a graduate of Oberlin Business College, is now with the Goodyear Rubber Company, in their office at Akron, Ohio. Jessie is a graduate of Oberlin College, and is now a director of physical training at the Central High School of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mabel is now a student in the Oberlin High School.

Charlotte C. is the wife of Frank E. Peck, who is connected with the state hospital at Massillon, Ohio. They have no children.

Nellie A. is a graduate of Oberlin. She finished the grade schools at the age of fifteen, taught school for awhile, then entered Oberlin College, and later taught in that institution. She has since perfected herself in the department of physical training, and was employed as a director in physical culture at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. She was there employed from September, 1894, until June, 1908, with the exception of one year when she had leave of absence. In 1909, owing to ill health, she gave up her much loved work and is now living at home.

John D. Michel, of the younger generation of farmers, is a native of Erie County and so much impressed with its agricultural and residence advantages that, like hundreds of others, he has never been able to see that he could better himself by making a change of location. His entire career has been devoted to the pursuits of the soil, and through intelligent and well-directed labor he has worked his way to a position of prestige, being at this time the owner of 130 acres of good land, and the object of the regard and esteem of a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Michel was born in the City of Sandusky, Ohio, December 11, 1886, and is a son of Daniel and Mary (Link) Michel. His father was born in Germany, where he was well educated and brought up in the wine industry, a business of which he mastered every detail. However, he was not satisfied with the opportunities for advancement to be found in his native land, and accordingly resolved to try his fortune in the land across the ocean, with the result that in his eighteenth year he emigrated to the United States. From his landing port of New York, he made his way to Sandusky, Ohio, where he soon secured employment in the business with which he was familiar, and being industrious, willing and trustworthy, made rapid advancement until he became the

proprietor of a business of his own. Mr. Michel was connected with the wine industry at Sandusky for more than twenty years and established a reputation as a substantial and reliable business man, but in 1892 turned his attention to farming and took up his residence in Perkins Township. As a farmer he proved successful for the same reasons that he had gained prosperity in his other business—he was industrious, thrifty and true to engagements, he carried on his business operations under modern methods, and he inspired confidence in others by his integrity. After a long and useful career he passed away in 1908. Mr. Michel was a democrat, but not a politician. He married Miss Mary Link, who was born at Sandusky, Ohio, daughter of Morris and Mary Link, late residents of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Michel became the parents of eight children, namely: Theresa; Emma, who is the wife of George Schwanger; Joseph; John D., of this notice; Edith, who is the wife of Earl Hart; Mary; William; and Leona.

John D. Michel was six years of age when brought to Perkins Township by his parents, and here he was reared on the homestead place. He was given good educational advantages, attending the public schools and then taking a course at the Sandusky Business College, following which he returned to the home place and took over its management. He has made a success of his ventures and his 130-acre tract of land is under a high state of cultivation, producing large crops annually and giving generous returns for the labor expended upon it. While he has followed general farming principally, Mr. Michel has not overlooked any opportunities for enlarging the scope of his work, and the various departments of farming have always received attention from him. His methods are progressive, his labor is energetic, and this combination has brought about very compensatory results. Mr. Michel is a democrat, but his activities in public affairs have been confined to casting his vote and to supporting movements for educational and civic advancement.

Mr. Michel was married in Perkins Township to Miss Florence Odell, of West Huron, Ohio.

Walter H. Taylor. In Berlin Township, along Rural Route No. 2 out of Berlin Heights, is situated the large and well kept farm and beautiful country residence of Walter H. Taylor and wife. The Taylor family with its various connections may properly be classed among Erie County's pioneers, since they have been identified with this locality more than eighty years. A great deal of the progress in material improvements and the upbuilding and maintenance of institutions in Berlin Township since that time can be credited to a comparatively few families like the Taylors.

The first settler of the name in Northern Ohio was Alfred Taylor, grandfather of Walter H. He was born in Westport, Connecticut, in 1794, and was of New England ancestry. Back in Connecticut he was a member of the state militia and a leader in the local military band, and among the old settlers was particularly known for his activities as a musician and band leader in both Erie and Huron counties. In January, 1823, Alfred Taylor married Sallie R. Bennett, of Westport, Connecticut. She was born August 10, 1800, and died in Berlin Township in 1857. In 1858 Alfred Taylor returned to Connecticut where he married Lovina Crossmond, who died in Berlin Township about four years after her husband. After his first marriage Alfred Taylor became a contractor for the construction of pike roads and docks. While he lived in Connecticut four children were born to him: Theodore, James, Benjamin S., and one that died when two years of age while the family were on their way to the West, in October, 1832. In starting for Ohio they

went through the Connecticut country by wagons and teams, traveled up the Hudson River on a boat, and were on a canal boat on the Erie Canal when this infant child died, and its body was laid to rest along the banks of that canal. From Buffalo the family proceeded up the lake to Sandusky, and thus came on to what is now Berlin Township, where Alfred Taylor bought 100 acres of wild land on the Townsend Road, not far from the villages of Berlin and Berlin Heights. For a number of years they lived the simple existence of pioneers, their home was a log cabin, and hard work and considerable privations were endured. Alfred Taylor improved his land and later replaced the log cabin with a substantial frame house, which had the somewhat unusual feature of two open fireplaces. This house is still standing, and one of the fireplaces can still be used. A number of years later Alfred Taylor bought the old Minard farm across the road, and that is the farm home first mentioned as the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Taylor. Alfred Taylor had many years of usefulness and honorable esteem in Erie County. He died at his farm home in 1879. His first wife had passed away about middle age. Alfred Taylor was eighty-four years of age when he died, and his second wife was past eighty. They were members of the Congregational Church, and in politics he supported the whig party as long as it was in existence and afterwards the republicans. In many ways he exerted an influence as a citizen. He was regarded as the most expert snare drum player in Erie County, and under his leadership the local band gained a reputation which some of the older settlers will still recall with pleasure. Alfred Taylor also built and owned the band wagon which carried the company of musicians around all over Huron and Erie counties. This band was regarded as invaluable for political campaign purposes and every big rally and other political assemblages of fifty or sixty years ago was not complete without Mr. Taylor's musicians.

Benjamin S. Taylor, a son of Alfred and father of Walter, was born in Connecticut, November 7, 1823, and died on his farm in Berlin Township, January 25, 1912. He was twelve years of age when he came with his family to Erie County. His brother Theodore died when a young man and still unmarried, and his brother James married but died without children. Benjamin Taylor should be remembered as a successful farmer and stock raiser, one who made a success by hard work, and whose activities and character were such as to command esteem and respect. For a number of years he owned and occupied a farm west of Berlin Village, but died at the house of his son Walter. The distinction belongs to him of having installed the first steam sawmill in Berlin Township, and he conducted it for many years, and from it furnished the lumber which entered into the construction of many boats at Milan and Huron. Like his father before him, he possessed a character of positive quality, tried to observe the strict ideals of honesty and justice, but was always generous and helpful to those who showed any tendency to work and help themselves. In politics he was a democrat. On May 9, 1849, Benjamin S. Taylor was married in Huron County to Miss Harriet Phillips. She was born in Fairfield, Connecticut, November 29, 1823, when five years of age went to New York State, and in 1834 came with her parents to Huron County, Ohio. Before her marriage she was a popular teacher, and her death occurred April 22, 1899. Her parents were Benjamin and Hannah Phillips, both natives of Connecticut. On coming to Ohio they bought a farm in Huron County, and lived there the rest of their days. Benjamin Phillips was for many years an invalid before his death, but both he and his wife attained advanced years. Mrs. Taylor was a member of the Congregational Church, and that faith

was the preference of her husband. It should be noted that Benjamin Taylor grew up as a republican and held to that political doctrine for many years, but finally left the party and became a democrat.

Walter H. Taylor was one of five children. The daughter Mary died after her marriage to E. K. Fisher, and was survived by her husband and three children, all of the latter being now married. Ellen is the wife of J. D. Fisher, of Berlin Township, and their children are: Carrie, who was born December 25, 1878, was educated in the Milan High School, at the state university and the training school in Cleveland, and is now a missionary in Liberia; and Lloyd, who is an engineer on the Lake Shore Railway and is married and has two children, Mary C. and James W. The daughter Cora is still unmarried. Eva is the widow of E. E. Waldron and lives at Norwalk, Ohio, and has one daughter.

Walter H. Taylor was born on his father's old farm west of the Village of Berlin, June, 1854. His education came from the old Normal School at Milan, and when ready to take up the serious responsibilities of life he received by the will of his grandfather 100 acres, a tract of land which has already been referred to. Since then Mr. Taylor has followed an active and progressive career as an agriculturist, and there are few better bodies of farm lands in Berlin Township. All the land is in cultivation except six acres of native timber. His group of farm buildings is a feature that at once attracts the attention of all passers by. The residence is a large building containing fourteen rooms, and there are also two large and substantial barns, one of them a bank barn 40 by 50, and a horse barn stands on a foundation 30 by 40 feet.

In Henrietta Township of Lorain County, September 10, 1879, Mr. Taylor married Miss Nettie Jane Courrier. She was born in Berlin Township of Erie County not far from the home in which she now lives on January 28, 1857, a daughter of Joseph and Jane (Vanderpoole) Courrier. Both her parents were born in New York State, but were married in Erie County. Her father died in Henrietta Township of Lorain County in 1876 at the age of forty-two, and her mother in Huron County in 1904 at the age of sixty-seven. They were members of the Christian Church, but later joined the Methodists, and her father was a republican. Mrs. Taylor grew up in Lorain County, and has proved herself an unusually capable mistress of the fine home over which she presides. She and her husband attend the Congregational Church. In national politics Mr. Taylor is a republican, and has rendered some good service to the community through nine years as township trustee. He is a past commanding officer in the Knights of the Maccabees, belonging to the order at Norwalk.

Levi Arnold. The following sketch contains the important facts in the life and family record of a former Erie County citizen whose name always stood for all that is honest and of good report in this community, for successful thrift and business integrity, and for a position which all must respect. The Arnold family has been identified with Erie County since pioneer days, the early generation having made homes out of the wilderness and the late Levi Arnold himself was a product of a log cabin home and a log schoolhouse, but like many others of that generation apparently suffered little handicap in a life of abundant prosperity and civic usefulness.

At the old Arnold home in Milan Township Levi Arnold passed away December 19, 1900, in his sixty-eighth year. He was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, March 6, 1833, a son of Ira and Eliza (Harrison) Arnold. His father was born near Lake Champlain, New York, and was reared in the home of a well-to-do uncle in Northeastern New York. In that same

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locality his wife was born and reared, and after their marriage there they moved west to Ohio about 1830. They located on a tract of new land in Ashtabula County, spent several years in a log cabin home, but after effecting some improvements on their first farm they sold out and located in Knox County, Ohio, and still later came to Erie County, this being in about 1840. Their first location was near Union Corners in Milan Township, and there the children received most of their school advantages. Later the family moved to Spears Corners in the same township, and a year later the parents moved to Oxford Township, where the father purchased his last farm and home. He died there when seventy years of age, and the mother attained the venerable age of ninety-three. Both stood high in their community, were loved and respected, and came to a serene old age. In spite of her advanced years the mother continued smart and active all her days, was a great talker, and members of the younger generation delighted to hear her stories of early times in Ohio. She was very domestic, and for many years rarely left her own home and fireside. She and her husband were both members of the Spiritualist faith. Their children were: Mary, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-four; Levi; Spencer, now deceased, who served as a soldier in the Union army and for a time was on guard duty at Johnson's Island, and is survived by one daughter; Phoebe Ann, who died when a child; Norman, who is now living in Eastern Ohio and has a family of sons and daughters.

The late Levi Arnold grew up and received his education in Milan Township. He was a small boy when the family came to this county, and on reaching his majority he made choice of farming as his regular vocation. He bought over 100 acres of land in Oxford Township prior to his marriage and during the Civil war time. Subsequently he sold this and for a few years was a renter. He then bought his permanent home on the Milan Road near the Village of Avery, containing eighty-two acres of well situated and fertile land. Here he and his wife not long afterward took up a special industry of growing strawberries. At one time he had about twenty-five acres in this crop, and many carloads of splendid fruit shipped over Ohio and other states came from the Arnold farm. During the season there were frequently between 150 and 200 people engaged in picking the berries, and a day's yield was not infrequently as high as 300 bushels. Mr. Arnold laid the basis of a substantial fortune as a pioneer strawberry grower. He also conducted general farming operations, getting large crops of grain, and in later years planted a considerable acreage in potatoes. The material improvements which he effected on the place are still in evidence. They comprise large barns, other buildings for the shelter of tools and implements and the storage of crops, and a commodious two-story twelve-room house, with basement under all and with every modern convenience. For many years Mr. Arnold served as a director in the County Fair Association, and the pick of his fields was frequently exhibited at local fairs. In politics he was a strong republican.

In 1858, at Spears Corners, he married Rachel Everitt. Mrs. Arnold was born at Spears Corners June 12, 1839, grew up and received her education there and her entire life has been spent in Erie County. When only fifteen years of age she was given charge of a school and continued teaching four years. She proved a most capable helpmate to her husband, and deserves a large share of the credit for the upbuilding of the farm and the abundance which rewarded the efforts of herself and husband. She has proved her ability as an independent manager of this fine farm since the death of her husband. Mrs. Arnold is a daughter of David and Abigail (Sweasey) Everitt, both of whom were

born in New Jersey, and after their marriage and in the early '30s came to Erie County, Ohio. Her father was a blacksmith by trade and had one of the early shops at Spears Corners. Some years later, about 1855, he bought a good farm in Huron Township, and that was the scene of his later years. He was eighty-six when he died and had been hale and hearty up to the last. In politics he was a republican. His wife lived to be seventy-six. While they belonged to no church they were people of the finest quality of morality and most helpful members of the community. In their family of thirteen children one son and six daughters reached maturity, married and had children of their own. Mrs. Arnold has one living sister, Mrs. Abbie A. Rowley, who lives at Lorain, Ohio, and who has a son, Allison Rowley, superintendent of the steel works.

To the marriage of Levi Arnold and wife were born five children. Clinton, who is a well educated man, has lived in Chicago for a number of years and is one of the well known educators of that city; his daughter, Bessie, is the wife of Dr. James Hanson, a physician at Sandusky, and they in turn have a son named James F. Wilbert, the second child, is now the practical manager of his mother's fine farm in Milan Township, and by his marriage to Louise Lockwood has two children named Harold and Dorothy. Charles Arnold, who has also attained prominence in educational circles, is a graduate of the State University at Columbus, has taken post-graduate work in Harvard University, and is now professor of mathematics at the University of Ohio; he married Leora Burrington, and their daughter, Helen, is now eleven years of age. The two other children, Iva and Frank, both died young. Mrs. Arnold and family attend the Presbyterian Church and her husband was also regular in his worship in the same denomination. For a number of years both Mr. and Mrs. Arnold were active members of the Milan Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry.

Capt. Charles Weitzman. From an early period in its history Erie County, by very virtue of its situation, has contributed a generous quota of strong, vital and sterling citizens to "go down to the sea in ships" and to become influential factors in connection with navigation interests and service on the Great Lakes, the most wonderful of inland seas. As sailor and master of vessels Captain Weitzman has long held high prestige and by reason of his worthy service in connection with commerce and traffic on the lakes as well as in recognition of his status as one of the liberal, loyal and honored citizens of Erie County is he entitled to definite representation in this publication.

A scion of an ancient and sterling family of the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, where one generation after another of the line was to be found established in the picturesque Rhine district, near Oberheim and Nussheim, and where the family long stood exponent of the great and fundamental industry of agriculture, were born the paternal grandparents of Captain Weitzman, and there they passed their entire lives, the grandfather having been a substantial farmer and the family faith having been for many generations that of the Catholic Church in the German Fatherland. Carl Weitzman, father of him whose name introduces this article, was born and reared in the Rhine district of Wurtemberg, where the family home was in the same neighborhood as that of Jacob Gunzenhauser, who came to the United States and became the founder of the well known family of that name in Erie County, Ohio, his first settlement having been at Sandusky, the present metropolis and judicial center of the county. Reports carried back to Germany by letters from this former neighbor and valued friend so impressed young Weitzman with the advantages and opportunities offered in

America that he decided to join Mr. Gunzenhauser in Ohio, a record concerning the latter being found on other pages of this work, in the sketch of the career of his son, John G. Gunzenhauser.

As a lad of fourteen years Carl Weitzman severed the home ties and bravely set forth for the New World. At Hamburg he embarked on a sailing vessel of the type common to that period, and by this medium he found transportation to New York City, the voyage having covered a period of several weeks. From New York he made his way to Sandusky where he received a warm welcome by the Gunzenhauser family, and as a sturdy and ambitious youth he soon found employment on sailing vessels plying the Great Lakes, his first experience being that of assistant cook in the galley. He continued to be connected with this department of service on the lakes for many years, and in the connection was pleasantly associated with a number of the old-time lake captains of broad experience and high reputation in their chosen vocation, the while his ability and uprightness combined with his genial nature to gain to him the high regard of those with whom he came in contact and made him well known and distinctively popular in lake-marine circles. From the year of his arrival in America until after he had passed the sixtieth milestone on the journey of life he found employment as a cook on vessels plying the lakes, and in his department he gained specially high reputation, it being well known and axiomatic that it is often easiest to appeal to a man's heart through the medium of his stomach. After severing his association with navigation interests Mr. Weitzman finally assumed an executive position with the Wickham Company, of Huron, engaged in the fish and lumber business, and he continued to be thus engaged until within a few years of his death, the closing period of his long and useful life having been passed in well earned retirement from business activities and his death having occurred at Huron, in December, 1909, at which time he was seventy-one years of age. Though he was reared and confirmed in the Catholic Church, he became a Protestant after his marriage, his wife having been a member of the German Reformed Church, with which he affiliated, though not as a constituent member.

As a young man Mr. Weitzman married Miss Agnes Wunderley, who was born at Huron, this county, in 1847, and who was here summoned to eternal rest in January, 1911, her entire life having been passed in her native place and her circle of friends having been limited only by that of her acquaintances. She was a daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Rice) Wunderley. The great-grandfather of Mrs. Weitzman was Alexander Wunderley, who was born in Switzerland, a scion of a strong, thrifty and aggressive old family of that fine little republic. He was reared and educated in his native land and shortly after his marriage he immigrated with his wife to the United States, in the early period of the nineteenth century. After a weary and tempestuous passage the vessel on which they sailed dropped anchor in the port of New York City, whence the journey was continued by the primitive means then available, river, canal and Lake Erie to the Ohio shores. Mr. Wunderley became one of the pioneer settlers of Seneca County, this state, where he obtained a tract of wild land from the Government and instituted the reclamation of a farm, this old homestead having been situated near the present City of Tiffin. There he and his wife passed the residue of their lives, success having attended their earnest labors as members of the early farming community, and both attained to advanced age, their religious faith having been that of the Catholic Church. They reared a large family of children, all of whom are now deceased. Of the children Alexander, Jr., was born on the old homestead in Seneca County, about the year 1813. He was there reared to

adult age and in his youth learned the trade of shoemaker. At some time between the years 1830 and 1832 he came to Erie County and established his home in the little hamlet of Huron, with whose civic and material development he became closely concerned, and for many years he continued one of the honored and influential citizens and business men of this place, whose river and fine harbor on Lake Erie early made it a point of more than little commercial and industrial importance. In the thriving little village he engaged in the work of his trade, and eventually he built up a large business in which he employed several assistants in manufacturing the old-time boots and shoes. Later he became identified with other lines of mercantile enterprise and he continued his residence at Huron until his death, in 1868. Both he and his brother Elias, who likewise was a resident of Huron County, were deprived each of a patrimony of about $2,500—a very appreciable sum at that period—both having been disinherited by their father because of their apostasy from the Catholic Church, though they never afterward became regular members of any other religious organization. Alexander Weitzman, Jr., wedded at Huron Miss Elizabeth Rice, who was born in Germany, in 1816, and who came alone from her native land and became a resident of Huron, Erie County, when she was a girl of but fifteen years.

Captain Weitzman of this review was the second child and eldest son in a family of five sons and two daughters: Clara, eldest of the number, is the wife of Lucius LaVoo, who is a tug engineer by vocation, and they reside at Huron, their four children being Edith, Ruth, William and Yale. Louisa, who became the wife of Charles McLaughlin, is deceased and is survived by two children, Clifford and Mildred, both of whom are now married. Frank is a resident of Sandusky where he is engaged in the mercantile business and has served as a member of the city council; he has no children. Otis was drowned while on a pleasure trip on Lake Erie and was nineteen years of age at the time, in 1896. Howard is engaged in the insurance business at Youngstown, this state, and has two sons, Lene and Vance.

Captain Weitzman grew to maturity in Huron, received the advantages of the public schools and at the age of eighteen years initiated his career as a sailor on the Great Lakes, his first position having been on the schooner David Provost, on which he finished the navigation season of 1885 as a sailor before the mast. In the following season he was on the Comrade, as was he also the next season, and the following year he served as watchman on the steamer Columbus. His next work was as wheelman of the Wetmore, and later in the season of 1890 he assumed a similar position on a superior vessel commanded by Capt. John E. Peterson, of Huron, a veteran and honored vessel master from this port and part owner of the Comrade. Captain Weitzman served on the steamers Columbia and J. C. Lockwood under Captain Peterson, with whom he continued to be thus associated several years, in the capacity of wheelsman and second mate, to which latter position he was promoted in 1892. In 1894 he was advanced to the office of first mate and he remained with Captain Peterson in this capacity until 1896. In the following year he was with Captain Dick Jolly of the C. B. Lockwood, and the following year found him retained as first mate of the Appomattox. In 1898 he was first mate of the steel vessel Meseba, and thereafter he was first mate of a similar vessel named the Maritanna, on which he served a portion of the season of 1902. He then received his first distinct command, as master of the steel barge Maderia, on which he finished the season. Thereafter he commanded in turn the Joliet, the German, the Meseba, of which he had formerly been mate; and from 1907 to 1910, inclusive,

he was in command of the Maricopa. From 1911 to 1914 he served each successive season as master of the steamer Harvard, a vessel of 7,000 tons burden; and the season of 1915 found him in charge of another vessel. He has made an admirable record in his chosen vocation and is known in maritime circles throughout the entire Great Lakes system, with a popularity based on steadfast integrity and genial personality.

Captain Weitzman gives his political allegiance to the republican party; he and his wife and their son are members of the Presbyterian Church at Huron, and in his home city he is affiliated with Lodge No. 369, Free & Accepted Masons, and with Huron Lodge No. 756, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed the various official chairs.

At Huron was solemnized the marriage of Captain Weitzman to Miss Mollie Stickrath, who was born and reared at Vermilion, Erie County, and who is a daughter of John and Joan (List) Stickrath, both natives of Hesse-Cassel, Germany, though their marriage was contracted at Vermilion, Erie County, where he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives, he having been a shoemaker by trade and vocation. Mr. Stickrath died in middle life and his widow attained to the age of seventy-two years, both having become members of the Lutheran Church after they came to America. Henry Stickrath, the one surviving brother of Mrs. Weitzman, is a resident of Marion, this state, and the maiden name of his wife was Ella Thompson; they have no children. Captain and Mrs. Weitzman have one son, Hiram C., who was born in the year 1895, and who was for two years a student in Oberlin College; in 1915 he completed a course in a business college in the City of Sandusky.

Carl Knittle. Along the lake shore in Vermilion Township is situated the attractive home of Carl Knittle. He owns sixty-five acres of highly improved land situated on Main Market Road No. 13, with an outlook over the waters of Lake Erie. Carl Knittle has spent all his life in this one locality, and his place has the advantage of being located near Mittewanga Grove and near Ruggles Grove, two well known parks and summer resorts.

On this farm Carl Knittle first saw the light of day May 25, 1877. He acquired the land from his father, and has for fifteen years been one of the progressive men in the agricultural line in this section of Erie County. He raises fine grain crops, fruits, particularly apples, and everything he undertakes he carries forward with characteristic energy and progressiveness. His home is a substantial seven-room white house with green trimmings, and besides various other farm buildings he has a substantial barn 36 by 64 feet.

It was in 1900 that Mr. Knittle acquired this farm from his father, Jacob Knittle. Jacob Knittle was for many years a leading farmer in Erie County. He was born in Hesse, Germany, in 1830, and his parents lived and died in the old country. He had six brothers and three of them came to the United States together, but they separated at New York City, and they were never afterwards in touch with each other. Jacob Knittle was twenty-two years of age when he came to America. He made the voyage by sailing vessel from Bremen to New York, and was on the ocean seven weeks. This was an unusually long trip even for the slow-going sailing vessel. The passengers were subjected to many discomforts and privations, they had little food and water, and they were afflicted with all the ills to which passengers on ocean-going vessels forty or fifty years ago were exposed. Some weeks after arriving in New York City he found a home in Vermilion Township and worked as a farm hand for Simeon Phels. Some years later he invested his

meager earnings and savings in twenty-six acres of land on the lake shore. To this he added thirty-five acres, and the entire place is now owned by his son Carl. On this old homestead Jacob Knittle and wife spent many years. He passed away May 3, 1894. He was a member and official of the Mittewanga German Reformed Church and in politics a strong democrat. He was married after coming to Vermilion Township to Susanna Altmiller. She was born in the same locality of Germany as her husband, being a few years younger, and was still a girl when her parents died. She came as a young woman to America on the same vessel that brought Jacob Knittle, and they married after reaching Erie County. She died at the old home on the lake shore November 14, 1911, at the age of seventy-nine. There were six children in the family: Henry, who is a farmer in Berlin Township and has five children; Valentine, a farmer in Townsend Township of Huron County, who is married and has a son and six daughters, including three pair of twins; Anna, wife of John Croll, a well known resident of Erie County; Mary, who died at the age of fifteen; and George, a farmer and truck gardener in Lorain County, who married Miss Mary Ruth.

Carl Knittle was reared and educated in Vermilion Township. He has shown himself to be a live business man, and though not yet in the prime of his years has possessed himself of those things for which ambitious men put forth their most strenuous endeavors.

In his home township he married Miss Catherine Knoch. She was born in Vermilion Township June 29, 1886, was reared and educated here, and has spent practically all her days within sight of Lake Erie. Her parents were George and Catherine (Hildebrandt) Knoch, both natives of Germany. Her father came when a young man to the United States and to Erie County, and was married in Vermilion Township. Mrs. Knoch died when her daughter, Mrs. Knittle, was four months old. Mr. Knoch subsequently married a second time, but both he and his second wife are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Knittle are the parents of the following children: Jacob, born January 11, 1906, and now in school; Earl, born October 13, 1907; Almon, born January 28, 1909. Mr. Knittle and wife are members of the German Reformed Church, and for a number of years he served it as a deacon. In politics he is a democrat.

JOHN H. REIBER. No class of people in Erie County enjoy greater comforts and advantages than those who live on the farms. John H. Reiber has spent all his life in Vermilion Township, and now owns one of the fine places near the lake shore, and his material prosperity is reflected in his prominence as a citizen, and at the present time he is serving as township trustee.

Born in the same township and near the farm where he now resides July 26, 1873, he was reared and educated here, and the farm on which he was born he still owns. This comprises 57½ acres of land, all under thorough cultivation with the exception of eight acres in timber, and very productive both in general crops and in fruit. Mr. Reiber has six acres in peaches and two acres in apples; but the chief feature of his farming enterprise is the growing of sweet corn. He usually plants about twenty acres in this crop and has sold his crop for more than a thousand dollars a year. His specialty in sweet corn is Stowell Evergreen. He also grows other crops and keeps five horses, three cows and a number of hogs. He has a good barn 36 by 60 feet, but the house on the old farm is one that was built a number of years ago. As a temporary place of residence Mr. Reiber lives on the Lake Road and Drive near the street car line, having rented a place there.

His father was the late John Reiber, who was born in Hesse, Germany, April 8, 1836, and died at his home on the farm near the lake shore in Erie County August 16, 1901. His father, Henry Reiber, was a native of the same province and married a German girl who died in the old country when in middle life. She was the mother of John Reiber and two daughters, Eva and Catherine. In 1856 John H. Reiber set out for the New World, making the journey from Bremen to New York, and not long afterward locating in Vermilion Township of Erie County. Within a year or two he was followed by his father and the two daughters, who joined him at his new home. Henry Reiber died in Erie County when past seventy years of age. All the family were members of the German Reformed Church. The daughter Eva died after her marriage to George Akers, who is also deceased, but they have a son still living and well known in Erie County. The daughter Catherine is the widow of Henry Fischer, lives on the lake shore in Berlin Township at Ceylon Junction, and has a family of children.

John H. Reiber after coming to this country worked as a farm hand for some years. His wages were about six dollars a month, and the days of labor were in no wise restricted as they are now, and he toiled from early morning until late at night, frequently for twelve or thirteen hours out of each twenty-four. After that for some years he was a tenant farmer, and finally bought fifty-seven acres south of the Lake Shore Railroad, that being the place now owned by his son John. He also bought fifty acres north of the Lake Shore Railroad near the lake. Here he built a good house in 1896, and had previously erected a substantial barn. That was the home where he spent his last years. He was a democrat in politics and an official member of the German Reformed Church at Mittewanga, and helped to build the church edifice there and was one of its organizers. He had a great deal to show for his strenuous efforts while a resident of Erie County. His widow still occupies a substantial nine-room house on the old farm near the lake shore. He placed many other improvements on the farm and had a peach and apple orchard.

The late John Reiber was married in Berlin Township to Miss Catherine Gundlach. She was born in Salzburg, Hesse, Germany, June 6, 1846, and was eleven years of age when she came on a sailing vessel from Bremerhaven to New York, a voyage that required thirty days. From there she came on to Berlin Township with her parents, Heinrich and Anna B. (Hebeg) Gundlach, who were natives of the same province in Germany. Mrs. Reiber's Grandfather Gundlach and her Uncle Jacob were well known educators in Germany and the latter in recognition of his services had received from the Kaiser several medals. Mrs. Reiber's parents lived on a farm in Berlin Township, and died there when quite old people. They were members of the German Reformed Church. Mrs. Reiber still occupies the old home farm on the lake shore, and for years has been active in supporting the German Reformed Church at Mittewanga.

John H. Reiber was married in Berlin Township near Ceylon Junction to Miss Catherine Otto, member of the well known Otto family of Erie County. She was born in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County January 7, 1873, and was reared and educated in Berlin Township. She is the third daughter and child of Jacob Otto. Mr. and Mrs. Reiber are the parents of three children: Catherine, born February 8, 1905; George, born June 17, 1912; and Edna, born November 7, 1914. One son, John Jr., died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Reiber are members of the Mittewanga German Reformed Church. They are people of the finest worth and character,

maintain their place in social affairs, and lend their influence to everything for the betterment of their community.

HENRY KUEMMEL. From a German farm hand working at wages of $18 a month to the presidency of the Bass Islands Vineyards Company indicates a remarkable rise in prosperity and general influence. It is a brief manner of stating the career of Henry Kuemmel, one of Sandusky's leading citizens and business men. He is now at the head of the Bass Islands Vineyards Company, which control the islands of that name and cultivate their fertile hills to the growing of grapes, which, owing to location and climatic conditions, have a remarkable quality and flavor. These grapes are manufactured into two of the best known and highest grade brands of grape juice, one being the Dark Concord and the other the Golden Catawba. No grape juice on the market commands a higher price than the product of the Bass Islands vineyards, and its market is found in practically all parts of the world.

Henry Kuemmel was born in Germany, February 19, 1860, and came to America in 1893. He located on a farm on the Bass Islands, and worked for the next three years at $18 a month. He was then employed in a vineyard for a time and was paid the same wages for his services there. His next work was with the Sandusky Fish Company for four years, after which he formed a partnership with A. L. Hitchcock, under the firm name of Hitchcock & Kuemmel, to engage in the fish business. They were associated in business for a year and a half, and Mr. Kuemmel then purchased the business and conducted it alone for a period. He then took in a partner, Henry H. Liesheit, and this continued for about three years. Mr. Kuemmel then formed a partnership with two of his nephews, under the firm name of Kuemmel & Company, and engaged in operating a vineyard on a farm he had bought a year or two previously on Bass Islands. In 1906, under his lead, was organized the Bass Islands Vineyards Company, of which he was made president.

With himself as president the Bass Islands Vineyards Company has been steadily enlarging its facilities and increasing product in quality and insuring a steady demand for all that can be manufactured. In 1908 the company erected a large and thoroughly equipped building, 85 by 160 feet, on North Depot Street, in Sandusky, and the plant has a capacity for turning out 50,000 cases of grape juice annually. It has the most modern machinery and appliances and the building itself is a modern fireproof structure. Mr. Kuemmel is now recognized as one of the largest vineyard operators around Lake Erie.

He has a nice home on Middle Bass Island. Mr. Kuemmel married Jennie Wilhelm, of Sandusky, Ohio, and his three children are: John W., born December 19, 1900, a student in the Sandusky High School, entering when twelve years of age; August O. P., born September 10, 1908; and Conrad Henry, born May 17, 1910.

WILLIAM VOLLMER. Erie County has been fortunate in the class of citizens who have made their permanent home here, and it can take a special pride in those families that came here from Germany. An excellent representative of this class of local citizens is William Vollmer, who came here when a young man without capital and by hard work and good management has made an excellent farm home for himself and family.

He was born in Kurhessen, Germany, July 3, 1854. His parents, George and Martha (Lapp) Vollmer, were natives of the same province and of old German stock and ancestry. His father was a farmer, and both parents spent their lives in Germany, where they died when past seventy years of age. They were members of the German Reformed

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Church. There were three sons and three daughters, and only one of these are now living besides William, his brother George, who resides in Germany and has a family of nine children. One of his sons, John, came to America some years ago and now lives in Blissfield, Michigan, where he was married about two years ago.

After the manner of German youth William Vollmer grew to manhood, attended the schools and was taught the value of industry and honesty. In October, 1880, at the age of twenty-six, he set sail from Bremerhaven, and came across the Atlantic on a steamship, landing in New York City. From there he came on to Vermilion Township and arriving as a stranger in a strange land and with nothing to commend him to the confidence of the new people except his honest intentions and ability to work, he found his first employment as a farm hand with Jacob Otto. Then followed four or five years of incessant labor, and in that time he became acquainted not only with local customs and conditions, but managed to save something out of his earnings so as to establish a home of his own.

In 1886 he married Miss Catherine Sennheim. She was born in Kurhessen, Germany, July 16, 1865, and was reared and educated there. She was about nineteen when the family, consisting of her parents, Detrich and Elizabeth (Brandau) Sennheim, with their two sons and five daughters, set out from Bremen to New York City. They arrived in the year 1884, and coming west located in Vermilion Township of Erie County. Mrs. Vollmer's mother was born January 8, 1839, and died in Vermilion Township September 8, 1896. Her father was born in 1838 and died April 11, 1906, at the age of sixty-eight. Both were members of the German Reformed Church, and her father was a democrat. Mrs. Vollmer's brother, J. Nicholas, is married and lives in the Village of Vermilion and has two daughters. Her sister Minnie is the wife of Henry Glime of Florence Township, and they have nine children, six sons and three daughters. Barbara E. is the wife of Peter Brod, a farmer of Berlin Township, and their family consists of two sons and three daughters. Martha is the wife of Conrad Grisel of Florence Township, and they have six sons and three daughters.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Vollmer located on the Bailee farm in Vermilion Township. They had little to begin housekeeping on, but as renters they went steadily ahead for six years, and at the end of that time had a good deal to show for their efforts. With such means as he had Mr. Vollmer in April, 1892, bought a farm of forty-four acres on the Risden Road, or the old State Road to the lake. Since then more than twenty years have passed. These years have been accompanied by regular improvement and a general raising of standards of comfort and living in the Vollmer household. Mr. Vollmer has a substantial seven-room house for his family, a good barn 30 by 42 feet, and he has put up both these buildings since he bought the farm. He has shown more than average ability in the raising of staple crops, and keeps some good grades of livestock. One feature of his farm is the vineyard of 1½ acres.

In the meantime four children have blessed their home. John, the oldest, graduated from the Vermilion High School with the class of 1904, was a teacher for five years and also studied pharmacy in the Ohio Northern University at Ada, and after graduating took the management of the Jamison drug store at Lorain, where he now lives. He married Miss Mabel Spielman of Crestline, Ohio. George M., the second child, was educated in the grade schools and for the past seven years has been employed on a Lake Erie vessel, and is still unmarried. Martha E. is the wife of John Reinhart, a stationary engineer living at Brownhelm in Lorain County. William George, the youngest, is

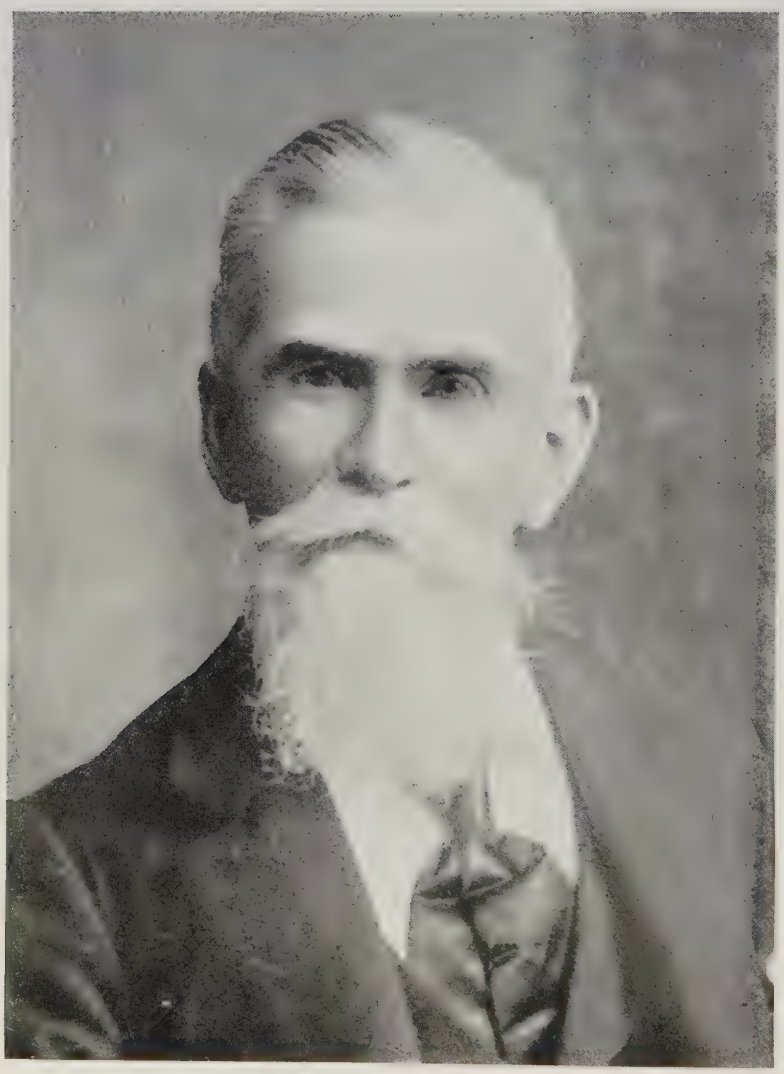
sixteen years of age, and has already finished the eighth grade of the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Vollmer are members of the Reformed Church, while Mr. Vollmer and sons are democrats in politics.

Fred D. Smith. One of the well to do families of Erie County is represented by Fred D. Smith, who formerly made his special success as a nurseryman and who now owns and conducts a fine farm situated on rural route No. 2 out of the Village of Vermilion.

For nearly a century of time the members of Mr. Smith's family have been identified with the development and progress of this section of Northern Ohio. Fred D. Smith himself was born in Vermilion Township September 15, 1858, a son of Alfred and Julia (Poyer) Smith. Alfred Smith was born in Cattaraugus County, New York, in 1825, a son of Dr. and Anna (Bratton) Smith. These grandparents were both natives of Bennington, Vermont, where the grandfather was born about 1786 or 1787. On both sides there were ancestors who had borne a gallant part as soldiers on the American side in the Revolution. Doctor Smith and wife after their marriage moved to Northeastern New York, where he secured land from the Holland Company, and still some years later he removed to the vicinity of Buffalo in Western New York. While there he enlisted and served in the War of 1812. The nineteenth century was still young and everything west of the Alleghenies was new country when the Smith family finally moved from Western New York to Ashtabula, Ohio. Still later by a few years they made another move and this time established a permanent home in Vermilion Township of Erie County. Here Doctor Smith spent the rest of his days and passed away in 1872, while his widow survived until 1876. She was in many ways a remarkable woman, had keen intelligence and a wit, and maintained her faculties at full up to the age of ninety. The grandfather was first a whig and later a republican in politics.

Alfred Smith was a young man when he came to Erie County, and grew up in Vermilion Township. He came to be well known through his business as a stock and horse trader. He bought large numbers of horses in Ohio to take to the lumber camps in the northern woods of Michigan. He also bought cattle on an extended scale, and continued trading, dealing and shipping livestock all his active career. He was well known in two states. His death occurred in 1870. In politics he was a republican. His wife, who was the daughter of Tilly and Mary (Curtis) Boyer, was born in 1836 and died in 1893. Her parents were born in Connecticut, and after their marriage settled in Erie County. Tilly Poyer was three times married, and died in very advanced life. To the marriage of Alfred Smith and wife were born three children, the oldest being Fred D. Belle is the wife of Horace Ball, and they now reside at West Vermilion in Vermilion Township, and have a son Herman, a young man of twenty-four. Lewis, the only brother of Fred, lives in the Village of Vermilion and by his marriage to Nellie Goldsmith has three sons, Alfred, Warren and Sterling.

Fred D. Smith was reared and educated in Vermilion Township. As a boy he attended the local schools, had practical lessons at home in the value of steady industry and in good habits and honorable principles. He took up farming as his active vocation and for many years he was engaged in the nursery business, and supplied the young stock for a great many fine orchards in this part of Ohio. His home farm comprises about sixty acres located on the Bartow Ridge Road. In that locality he has lived for the past twenty-five years, and is one of the older and more successful citizens of that community. He has



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a good home, has a family, and a great many friends in Vermilion and others townships of Erie County.

Mr. Smith was married in this township to Ida Roberts. She was born in Florence Township in 1863, and died at her home in Vermilion Township December 5, 1905. Her father, Marcus Roberts, who married a Miss Hardy, came from the State of Connecticut and was one of the earlier settlers of Erie County. She died in Florence Township about twenty-eight years ago. Mr. Smith has one son, Marcus R., who is now seventeen years of age and is in the third year of the Vermilion High School.

Lucius L. Stoddard. A life of varied experience and useful activities was lived by the late Lucius L. Stoddard, who was a native of Milan, and died at his home in that village on May 10, 1907. His family were identified with the pioneer settlement in this part of Northern Ohio, and Mr. Stoddard himself was a veteran of the Civil war, and made an honorable record in every relationship of his career.

Born in Milan September 17, 1839, he was a son of Horace and Sallie P. (Parks) Stoddard. His father was born in Greene County, New York, August 17, 1808, and his mother in Caledonia County, Vermont, September 21, 1814. They came as young people to Huron County, Ohio, and were married at Norwalk June 1, 1837. Later on they moved to Milan, where Horace Stoddard kept a shop and did custom shoe making, having learned his trade in Buffalo, New York, when that city was little more than a village. After some years as a shoemaker he branched out into the grocery trade and continued mercantile lines for many years until he retired and went to live with his son, Horace H., in Chicago. He died there February 27, 1883, when about eighty years of age. His wife had passed away in Milan December 15, 1852, when in the prime of life. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics he was a republican. Of their three children, the oldest, Horace H., was born in Milan May 5, 1838, has for many years been a resident of Chicago, where he is a real estate dealer and enjoys other influential and successful connections, and by his marriage to Anna Bull of Illinois has a son, Horace H., Jr., who is also living in Chicago and is married. The second child was the late Lucius L. Stoddard. Wayne W., the youngest of the three, was born at Milan December 15, 1850, and is still living in Milan, a prosperous farmer and onion grower. He was married November 9, 1881, to Theda E. Kline, and their two daughters, Grace and Marian, completed their education in the village schools and are still at home. Theda E. Kline, wife of Wayne W. Stoddard, was born in Milan March 4, 1852, a daughter of DeWitt and Elvira (Adams) Kline. Her father was born in Milan April 18, 1820, and her mother was born at Farmersville, New York, April 15, 1822, and as a young girl came to Milan. DeWitt Kline died at Milan October 12, 1871, and his widow survived until July 29, 1901. Mr. Kline was a skillful and well known ship carpenter in this county, a republican in politics, and his wife was a member of the Presbyterian Church. DeWitt Kline was a son of William and Margaret (Minuse) Kline. The former was born December 23, 1776, and the latter on January 23, 1782, both in New York City, where they grew up and married. In 1819 the Kline family came West and as pioneers settled in Erie County, where William Kline bought the farm on which was built the old and historic landmark of Fort Avery in Milan Township. These old settlers spent the rest of their lives and died in Milan Township.

Lucius L. Stoddard spent his boyhood and early youth in Milan Village, and after completing his education qualified for work as a teacher and was identified with country schools for several years. Dur-

ing the Civil war he was in the hundred-day service, and after the war took a position as a clerk with the firm of J. C. Lockwood & Company at Milan. This connection led to his permanent career as a merchant and banker. After some years he became a partner in the Lockwood establishment and still later was associated with Mr. Lockwood in establishing the private bank known as The Milan Banking Company. After the death of Mr. Lockwood, his widow retained her interests for several years, but since 1900 Mr. Stoddard conducted the bank as its chief proprietor. In the meantime he took into partnership his son-in-law, A. H. Cowley, and Mr. Cowley wound up the affairs of the bank after Mr. Stoddard died. In politics he was always a stanch republican but could never be persuaded to accept any official honors. He was active in the Presbyterian Church, was a member of the Masonic Order, and his influence and help could always be counted upon to aid the many local movements of benefit.

In 1870, at Milan, Mr. Stoddard married Mrs. Eliza Jane (Edison) White. Mrs. Stoddard is a first cousin of Thomas A. Edison, the famous inventor, whose birthplace was in Erie County. Her parents were Thomas and Mary Ann (Harris) Edison, and her father was brother to Thomas Edison's father. Her parents were both born in New York State, but were married in Canada, and spent the rest of their lives in Ontario, where her father, who was born in 1800, died in 1869. His widow died at Whitby, Canada, at the age of eighty-six. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. Two of the Edison daughters married ministers of the Presbyterian Church. Rachael became the wife of Rev. William Doak, and she died leaving a son and daughter. Sarah married Rev. John Abraham, and they are still living in Toronto, Canada, where Mr. Abraham is a retired Presbyterian minister, and they have a son, Rev. Albert, who is now a pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Guelph, Ontario. Another sister of Mrs. Stoddard was Martha, who married William McIntosh and died in Minneapolis leaving three daughters. Mrs. Stoddard's first husband was Richard P. White of Quebec, Canada, of English and Scotch parentage. He was educated in Aberdeen, Scotland, for a career as a physician, but never practiced, and instead took up a business career as a lumber dealer. His business transactions in the lumber trade brought him to Ohio and to Cleveland and he died in that city about the close of the Civil war, when thirty-six years of age. He was a man of excellent ability and had his life been spared would undoubtedly have gained a splendid success and high position. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. There was one daughter by Mrs. Stoddard's first marriage, Mary White, who was educated in Milan, and married A. H. Cowley, who is now prominently identified with the Norwalk Canning Company, and was formerly associated with Mr. Stoddard in the banking business. The Cowley family live at Milan. There was another child, the eldest, by Mrs. Stoddard's marriage to Mr. White, named Nellie, who died at the age of five months. Mrs. Stoddard by her second marriage had a daughter, Sarah, who was born, reared and educated in Milan, and is the wife of Walter E. LaChance. Mr. LaChance is a native of Canada, and of the old French-Canadian stock of that country. He was well educated and is now a successful architect and engaged temporarily in the line of his profession in Manitoba, Canada, though his home is in Milan. Mrs. LaChance lives with her mother, Mrs. Stoddard, and the LaChance children are: Marcellette, who was born in 1894, was educated at Milan and in Cleveland, and is now the wife of Wells O. Moore, and they live on Center Street in Milan and have an infant child, Wells Walter Moore. Alva E. LeChance, born August 4, 1899, is now a student in the Milan High School. Annetta, born March

21, 1902, is now in the seventh grade of the public schools. Mrs. Stoddard is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

GUSTAVUS H. SCHROEDER. There is always a place in any community for such a sterling and industrious citizen as Gustavus H. Schroeder. He has accepted the opportunities that have come to him in the course of his career, has lived peaceably and honorably among his friends and neighbors, and now in his declining years is able to enjoy the comforts of one of the good rural homes of Vermilion Township.

His birthplace was on the shores of the Baltic Sea in Mecklenburg, Germany, where he first saw the light of day December 21, 1840. His parents were Charles and Sophia (Poegensee) Schroeder, both of whom were born in 1799. Charles Schroeder was a physician by profession, and also took a leading part in political affairs in his home province. On account of this activity during the revolution of 1848 he was thrown into prison charged with an active part in the revolution. He remained in confinement for three weeks but the charges were not proved and he was finally released. This experience made him somewhat discouraged with political conditions in the old country, and he began to prepare to found a home in the New World. In November, 1852, he and his youngest daughter Ida came by sailing vessel, seven weeks in crossing, to America. From New York he came on to Cleveland, and there joined some friends and kinsmen. The following year his wife, with the son Gustavus and a daughter Bertha followed him. They took passage on the sailing vessel North America and landed in New York City, August 5, 1853. There the family were reunited, and the father accompanied his wife and children on to Cleveland, but after a year of residence in that city moved to Russia Township in Lorain County. He bought land, lived as a farmer there for three years, and then moved to Florence Township in Erie County, where he bought a small farm of twenty acres. That was the home of the Schroeder family for a number of years, but late in life Charles Schroeder and wife went to the home of their son Gustavus on the Barnes Road in Vermilion Township. There they spent their last years, and the father died in 1884 at the age of eighty-five and his wife in 1892 aged ninety-three. They were people of rugged vitality and kept their faculties bright almost to the end.

Gustavus H. Schroeder is now the only living child of his parents. His sister Ida first married Oscar Wennerster by whom she had two daughters, and for her second husband married William Heyman, and both are now deceased, leaving one son. Bertha, the other sister of Mr. Schroeder, married Henry Greenlund of Cincinnati, and both died there, being survived by a son who is a druggist in that city.

During the early years he spent in his native country Gustavus H. Schroeder attended the public schools. He was between twelve and thirteen when he came to America, and after that he was reared on a farm and had only few opportunities to continue his schooling. In the fifty odd years since he reached his years of manhood he has spent the greater part of them in successful farming pursuits. More than thirty years ago he bought the forty acres included in his present farm, and in many ways has improved and equipped that for profitable agriculture and as a home of ample comforts. He raises a great deal of fruits, and has a three-acre apple orchard, seven acres of peach trees, and other fields devoted to general crops. His home is a substantial eight-room house, and around it are a number of barns and other buildings.

Mr. Schroeder was married in Lorain County to Miss Elizabeth Miller. She was born in Amherst Township of that county November

3, 1850, and was reared and educated there. Her parents were Jacob and Catherine (Baker) Miller, both of whom were natives of Bavaria, Germany, and came to the United States with their one child, locating in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County in 1849. From there they went many years later to live with their daughter, Catherine Gageheimer, in Axtel, Vermilion Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder have two children: Anna, wife of Henry Will of Vermilion Township; and Charles. Mr. Schroeder is a republican in politics. Among other things he has to his credit a service in the Civil war. He was a very young man at the time, and enlisted toward the end of the war, and while doing his duty faithfully as a soldier it was not his fortune to be engaged in any really important battle.

George H. Dickel. The name Dickel in Erie County means thrift and enterprise. George H. Dickel of Vermilion Township is no exception to the rule. He is by trade a practical mechanic, and has exercised his skill and experience to good advantage in the management of his farm. This farm is located on rural route No. 2 out of Vermilion postoffice, and is one of the older places in this section of the county. Mr. Dickel has reconstructed an old log house that was built fully a century ago, and has in many ways effected interesting improvements to increase the value of the farm as a productive enterprise and as a home. One of the features of the place is a large barn 24 by 88 feet to care for his stock and grain, a fifty-ton silo, and he also has a machine for grinding grain for stock, a blacksmith shop, and all other necessary facilities.

A member of the well known Dickel family of Vermilion Township, he was born on the Bartow Ridge Road in this township October 8, 1881, and is a son of George and Catherine (Cook) Dickel. His parents were natives of Germany and his father was born February 25, 1837, and recently passed his seventy-eighth birthday. His mother was born four years later and died October 20, 1905, in Berlin Township. These worthy people grew up and married in Germany, and four children were born to them in the old country. They came to America by sailing vessel, and on arriving in Vermilion Township George Dickel, Sr., bought seventy-six acres of land, but subsequently moved to Ceylon in Berlin Township, and after the death of his wife lived at the home of a daughter in Vermilion Township. He married for his second wife Catherine Hinze, and they are still living in Vermilion Township. The four children who were born in Germany are Mary, Eliza, Anna and Charles, all living and married. Those born after the family came to America are: Martha, wife of Ed Kishman; Elizabeth, wife of Charles Walper; John; Gertrude, wife of Elva Heyman; and George.

In his native township George H. Dickel grew to manhood and acquired his education in the public schools. He left the farm soon after completing his education and learned the trade of iron moulder, which he followed for several years, and then worked with the Nickel Plate Railway as bridge carpenter, and also as a section hand. He then went to farming near Berlin Heights as an employe of Henry Ferber, afterwards spent some time on the old homestead and in different parts of the county up to September, 1911, when he bought his present place comprising 75½ acres in Vermilion Township. Here he grows live stock, grain and fruits, and is progressive in everything he does.

On January 24, 1903, Mr. Dickel married Miss Florence E. Neiding. She was born near her present home in Vermilion Township April 15, 1887, and finished her education in the Berlin Heights High School. Her parents are August William and Aldora Janette (Crum) Neiding, both of whom were born in Erie County, and her father was born No-

vember 3, 1856, and has spent his active career as a farmer in Berlin Township. He was of German parentage. His wife died at the old home July 24, 1911. She was born December 18, 1861, and her parents came from Pennsylvania to Erie County. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Dickel are: Jennie E., born September 22, 1903, and now in the sixth grade of the public schools; Reba Luella, born March 21, 1907, and in the fourth grade of the public schools; Cleo E., born September 14, 1909; Lester A., who died in infancy; and Leo George, born June 16, 1914. In politics Mr. Dickel is a democrat. He served four years as a school director and takes an active interest in the Vermilion Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Capt. Leonard B. Chapin. The character and activities of the late Captain Chapin of Berlin Heights were such that he will long be remembered in Erie County, and the honor paid to his memory is only a fitting recognition of many admirable qualities which he exemplified. He was a gallant soldier, was as loyal in his citizenship as he was while in the army, and upheld the strictest principles of rectitude in all his business dealings, in which he was very successful. His death occurred at his home in Berlin Heights, Ohio, in June, 1899, and he is survived by his widow, Mrs. Helen H. Chapin, who has since kept up the household and is a highly esteemed figure in local society.

Of old New York and Massachusetts ancestry, the late Capt. Leonard B. Chapin was born near Glens Falls, New York, in 1833. His parents were Leonard Burnham and Mary Ann (Skinner) Chapin, who were also natives of New York State. The late Captain Chapin was in the sixth generation from Deacon Samuel Chapin, one of the most prominent characters in the early history of Springfield, Massachusetts. When Captain Chapin was a very small boy the family moved west and settled at Monroeville in Erie County, Ohio, and some years later moved to Berlin Heights, where the father accumulated large tracts of land, prospered in his farming and other business relations, and died there when about seventy years of age, his wife being a little older at the time of her death. As a family they were members of the Presbyterian Church. The father was a man of considerable education for his time and was exceedingly enterprising. It is remembered that a great many years ago he published and sold an early map of Indiana, where he owned tracts of land. There were three sons in the family, Captain Chapin being the second among them, and one daughter, Statira, who died in early life. All the sons are now deceased. Leonidas the eldest died in Canada, leaving four daughters. The youngest was Lorenzo, who died at Berlin Heights, Ohio, and his widow and two children now live in Milan, this state.

The early boyhood and youth of Captain Chapin was spent at Berlin Heights. He was well educated, and had already taken up the practical affairs of life before he became a soldier. Soon after the war broke out he enlisted in Company B of the Third Ohio Cavalry, helped to drill that company at Milan, and later went to the front with them and served for nearly three years. Among old soldiers Captain Chapin is remembered for the notable figure which he made while on horseback. He had a very impressive air, and his fine character and genial personality made him popular among his comrades and a gallant leader in all duties to which he was called. The rigor of many campaigns and almost constant fighting and scouting service brought on a permanent illness, on account of which he was finally given his honorable discharge. The illness contracted in the army was ultimately responsible for his death.

After the war Captain Chapin engaged in business affairs as a grain

merchant in Indiana and as a dealer in lands. These transactions took him over the country, but he always considered his permanent home in Erie County. He finally retired and spent his last years in Berlin Heights.

The first wife of Captain Chapin was Mary Watts Knight, who died a year after her marriage, when in the prime of life. Her one daughter, Bertha Watts Chapin, is the wife of Walter Moats of East Norwalk, Ohio. Mrs. Moats attended school at Champaign, Illinois, and at Milan, Ohio, and received a musical training.

On March 22, 1881, Captain Chapin married Mrs. Helen H. (Hughes) Williams, daughter of Elisha and Eliza R. (Root) Hughes. Both her parents were born in Erie County, and were married near Spears Corners in Milan Township, but subsequently located in Huron Township, where they followed farming for many years. They spent their last days in Milan, where Mrs. Chapin's father died May 13, 1901, at the age of seventy-six, and her mother passed away January 3, 1913, aged eighty-three. Mrs. Hughes was a writer of considerable note, and her unpublished poems would fill a goodly sized volume. She was also a public speaker and addressed many of the Grange's meetings in Erie and other counties. They were people of the finest worth, thrifty, intelligent, good managers and highly respected. Mr. Hughes was a Universalist while his wife was reared in the Baptist Church. In politics he was a republican.

Mrs. Chapin married for her first husband Charles Ronald Williams, who was born in Avon, Lorain County, Ohio, February 22, 1850, and after finishing his education in Oberlin College took up teaching and was principal of the Milan Normal School for a time. In 1871 failing health compelled him to abandon teaching, and in the endeavor to recover his health he turned his attention to the breeding of fine horses, but while driving a fine registered colt he was kicked, and died from the injuries three days later. His death occurred in 1879 when only twenty-eight years of age. Mrs. Williams was then left with two children. Her daughter, Loubertha Nell, graduated from the Milan High School and is now the wife of John L. Moats of Berlin Heights. They have two children, Helen Lucile and Ronald Williams. Her son, Judge Roy Hughes Williams, graduated from Milan High School in June, 1890, at the age of fifteen years, then attended Oberlin College for a time, and finally entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he was graduated in the law department in 1897. He began the practice of law in Sandusky, was elected prosecuting attorney in 1900 and served two terms, and is now judge of the Common Pleas Court of Erie County. He married Verna Lockwood, who also graduated from Milan High School in 1893 and spent four years in the Conservatory of Music at Oberlin.

Mrs. Chapin by her marriage to Captain Chapin has two sons: Leonard Burnham, who graduated from the Milan High School and then in 1905 from the dental department of the University of Michigan. and has since been in active practice as a dentist at Milan. He married Hannah Olga Prentice, who is a graduate of the high school at Castalia and also pursued normal studies at Lima and Sandusky, Ohio. Elisha H., the younger son of Mrs. Chapin, graduated from the Milan High School, attended the Northern Ohio University at Ada and the high school at Sandusky, also Kenyon College, the Episcopal Institution at Gambier, Ohio, and finally took his degree in medicine at the Ohio State Medical College, Columbus, where he is now in active practice. He was married in Mount Vernon to Miss Lena C. Krebs, who received her education at Tiffin, Ohio. They have had two children, Mary Louise, and a son that died in infancy.

Edward Jordan

EDWARD JORDAN. Among the native sons of Erie County who have won places of responsibility with large railway corporations one who is well known is Edward Jordan, yardmaster for the Big Four Railroad at Sandusky. The career of Mr. Jordan is typical of many men who have risen in railroad life. He was but a boy when he started to make his own way in the world, and as he had secured only ordinary advantages was forced to start in a humble capacity. Energy and ambition, with an inherent ability and predilection for his work, carried him steadily upward, and he now occupies a position of more than ordinary importance in the service of one of the country's greatest carriers.

Mr. Jordan was born January 24, 1867, at Sandusky, and is a son of Henry and Anna Elizabeth (Hartung) Jordan. His father, a native of Germany, came to the United States in 1851 and immediately located at Sandusky, where he secured a position in a clerical capacity with the old and well known firm of C. C. Keech & Company, tanners, and later with Robert Hathaway, grocer. He possessed the thrift and industry characteristic of those of his race, and worked steadily onward with the ambition always in view of becoming the proprietor of a business of his own. This goal was finally reached and he established himself in business as the owner of a grocery store, this being one of the first exclusive grocery stores at Sandusky, which at that time had a population of no more than 5,000 people. He made a success of his venture and continued active in its operation until 1880, when he retired and disposed of his interests. His death occurred May 25, 1887. He was a man who always took a keen and helpful interest in matters which affected the welfare of the city, and contributed frequently and generously to its advancement and progress. He was a stalwart republican on which party's ticket he was elected to various offices, being for several terms a member of the Sandusky City Council. His friends, well wishers and admirers were many, and he stood high in the esteem and confidence of all who came into contact with him either in a business, public or personal way. Mrs. Jordan, his wife, also born in Germany, where she and her husband were married, still survives, having reached the advanced age of eighty-five years. They were the parents of nine children, of whom six survive, Edward having been the eighth in order of birth.

Edward Jordan received his education in the public schools of Sandusky and was still a lad when he began to contribute to the family support by working as a messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Company. He is only one of a great many successful men who began their careers with the Western Union as messenger. While thus employed he devoted his spare moments to learning telegraphy. As telegrapher he took his first position in that calling in 1883 with the I., B. & W. Railway at Sandusky. When that company in 1887 reverted back to the C., S. & C. Railway, its owner, he remained with the latter company as general office telegraph operator. The C., S. & C. was purchased by the C., C., C. & St. L. Railroad in 1890 and the division superintendent's office was moved from Springfield to Sandusky. Mr. Jordan was appointed train dispatcher. He held that position until 1893, when the superintendent and dispatcher's office was moved to Bellefontaine, Ohio. As he wished to remain in Sandusky, he was appointed ticket agent and acted in that capacity for ten years. His faithful and capable service was rewarded at the end of this time by his appointment to the office of general yardmaster of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad, or, as it is more familiarly known, the Big Four. Since 1902 he has been in charge of the Sandusky yards and is known as one of his company's most trusted and efficient men.

Mr. Jordan's official duties require his attention to the practical exclusion of everything else save his home, yet he finds time to discharge the responsibilities of good citizenship and to enjoy the companionship

of his fellows. A stalwart republican in his political allegiance, he has steadfastly supported the candidates of the party. His fraternal affiliation is with the Masons, in which he has attained to the Knight Templar degree, being a member of Sandusky Commandery No. 23.

He was married July 27, 1898, at Sandusky to Miss Ida Henrietta Zipfel, a daughter of Constantine Zipfel, one of the early pioneers of Erie County.

F. Erich Hartmann. Few men have made better use of their opportunities both in behalf of their own advancement and for the welfare of the community in which they reside than F. Erich Hartmann during the thirty-five years of his residence in Sandusky.

He came to this country alone when a young man, practically unacquainted with the language of America and its institutions and customs. From such work as a farm laborer he has made himself one of the most influential and successful business men of Sandusky.

Born February 22, 1857, in Salzungen, Saxe-Meiningen, Germany, he is a son of Johan Casper Ferdinand and Fredericka Christina (Moeller) Hartmann.

During his early life in Germany he attended the common schools and the German college or gymnasium, and for one year saw active service in the German army. It was in 1881 that he ventured out alone to discover what opportunities America could present to a young man of little capital but of unlimited energy. When he arrived in Erie County he went as a farm laborer for two years, then clerked in a grocery store four years, and from 1886 to 1905 conducted a grocery establishment on Pearl Street in Sandusky. Thus for nearly twenty years he was one of Sandusky's popular merchants. In 1905 he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term existing in the office of county recorder, and at the next general election he was chosen by the people for that office. With admirable efficiency he filled the recorder's office for two terms, serving from 1905 to 1911. On leaving the county office Mr. Hartmann engaged in the abstract business, and he now has the leading office to render that important service in Erie County.

Mr. Hartmann is a republican, and is affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees. On July 17, 1890, in Erie County he married Miss Emma Widmer.

Hiram E. Brundage. The Brundage family is among the older ones in Erie County. For almost thirty-five years Hiram E. Brundage has been one of the prospering fruit growers and agriculturists of Vermilion Township, and he and his family are people of marked prominence in the religious, social and moral life of that community.

The Brundage ancestors lived for several generations in Connecticut. The paternal grandparents of Mr. Brundage were born and married in Connecticut, and from there they came to Erie County and established a home in Vermilion Township, where they spent the rest of their days. They are buried in the Cranberry Creek Cemetery in that township. They died some time before the Civil war and were quite old at the time. In their family were four sons and three daughters who grew up and married, and according to the last information one of the daughters is still living in Indiana.

Giles L. Brundage, father of Hiram E., was born on the old homestead in Vermilion Township and during his brief career as a civilian followed farming. He died near Auburn, Indiana, in 1866 at the age of twenty-seven. He had enlisted in the Civil war, was with a Massachusetts regiment, and after some active service he contracted the black measles and was discharged in 1864. He returned home, but a year or two later moved to Auburn, Indiana, where he died. His widow then brought her two children back to Erie County. These children were

Hiram E. and his sister Carrie. The latter is the wife of John Loucks of Berlin Township, a well known citizen of that locality. Giles L. Brundage married Ella Mason. After his death she married a second and also a third time, and she died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Loucks, in 1913 when nearly seventy years of age. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Hiram E. Brundage was born in Vermilion Township November 12, 1862, and has practically no recollection of his father. He was reared in this township and attended the public schools, and at the age of nineteen started life by purchasing twenty-eight acres of land on the Joppa Road. He worked hard to improve the land, put it into cultivation and when he started he had practically nothing but the resources of his own industry to aid him. It was on that farm that he started fruit growing, and there are many things that now represent his years of steady industry. He erected a large two-story house, and has several large barns for the shelter of his stock and farm products. Mr. Brundage now owns 100 acres, and much of it is cultivated to fruit orchard. He has about three thousand peach trees and other large and small fruits, and his fields grow some of the finest crops of corn, wheat and oats. During the past year his corn yield was eighty bushels per acre, wheat twenty-eight bushels, and oats sixty bushels.

In Vermilion Township Mr. Brundage married Lillian Lee. She was born November 13, 1862, just one day later than her husband. She was reared and educated in Vermilion Township, and is a daughter of Thomas B. and Olive (Minkler) Lee. Her mother was a daughter of Daniel Minkler, a pioneer settler in the Joppa neighborhood of Erie County. After many years of farming on the Hill Road in Vermilion Township, Thomas B. Lee retired to Berlin Heights, and is now living there with an ample competence for his declining years.

Mr. and Mrs. Brundage have one son, Elwin P., born March 9, 1883, in Vermilion Township. He was educated liberally, at first in the common and high schools, then at Oberlin College, and in the Ohio Spencerian College, and he took his theological course at Nyack, New York, and on leaving that institution took up the active work of the minstry in the Evangelical Church. He now has charge of the church at DeGraff, Ohio. Rev. Mr. Brundage married Blanche Gibson of Erie County, and they have a daughter Doris, thirteen years of age, who is carrying on her studies both in the regular school work and in music. Mr. and Mrs. Brundage are very active members of their community and Mr. Brundage is head of the local Sunday school and in politics a republican, though not a seeker for official honors.

Fred Huttenlocker. It is of that staunch German stock that has been so important an element in Erie County history that Fred Huttenlocker is a representative. He is a vigorous, ambitious, and hard working agriculturist of Vermilion Township, occupies a good home, with fertile fields and excellent improvements, and while enjoying ample material comforts has surrounded himself with home and growing children and is rich in the esteem which is paid to good citizenship.

Born in Vermilion Township November 6, 1873, he is a son of Christian and Caroline (Beck) Huttenlocker. Both parents were born in Wurtemberg, Germany. His father was born in October, 1849, and his mother in 1851. They grew up in that country and were sweethearts before they left Germany to find their home and fortune in the New World. They were of Lutheran families and when quite young they set out from Hamburg and voyaged to New York City and thence to Huron, Ohio, where they married. After marriage they located near Huron, and they have since been among the active farming people of Eric County. Most of their years have been spent in Vermilion Township, where they bought and improved a farm of fifty-one acres. That was their home for about

twenty-eight years, but in the meantime Christian Huttenlocker had bought thirty-one acres near the street car line and the Mittewanga Grove neighborhood, and he subsequently lived on that place for about twelve years. He then sold it to his son Fred, and with his wife returned to the old homestead, where both now reside, hale and hearty people, in a position to enjoy life at leisure. Both are members and were among the founders of Mittewanga Reformed Church, in which Christian Huttenlocker was an elder for a number of years. In politics he is a republican, but formerly voted with the democratic party. The children of Christian and Caroline Huttenlocker are: Christ, who died unmarried at Allegheny, Pennsylvania, at the age of twenty-six; Fred; Rose, who is the wife of Daniel Meeker, a dock engineer at Huron, and they have a son Freemen; Mary is the wife of D. L. Fox, a Berlin Township farmer and also an employee of the street car company, and their children are Sylva, Bernard, Esther and Clara; Louise is the wife of John Hildebrandt of Berlin Township, a railroad section boss for the Lake Shore Railroad, and their children are Frederick and Caroline; John, a farmer in Berlin Township, married Sophia Ackerman, and their one son is named Ralph P.

Fred Huttenlocker was reared and educated in his native township, attended the public schools, and after reaching manhood he married and bought the thirty-one acre place of his father near the lake shore in Vermilion Township. His farm has a frontage of 150 feet on the State Road. He does farming on a business-like basis, and has almost every foot of his land under intensive cultivation. He has an orchard of forty apple trees, has an attractive eight-room white house and a large red barn on a foundation 32 by 42 feet with 16-foot post.

Christmas Day of 1897 will always be memorable in Mr. Huttenlocker's history, since on that day in Huron Township he married Miss Catherine Bartzen. She was born in Huron July 13, 1876, and was reared and educated there. Her parents were Peter and Margaret (Elenz) Bartzen. Her father was born in Germany and her mother in Erie County, Ohio. Her father died here in April, 1913, at the age of sixty, and her mother on December 10, 1906, at the age of fifty-two. Her father spent all his active career as a blacksmith, having learned that trade in Germany. In fact all the male members of his family for several generations followed blacksmithing, and they lived along the River Rhine in Germany, where Mr. Bartzen was born. Five of the Bartzen children are still living: Mrs. Huttenlocker; Peter, a blacksmith and teamster, who married Erna Felcum; Elizabeth, wife of George Ritzenthaler of Huron, and they have six children; Anna is the wife of Gottlieb Hauff, a well known citizen of Erie County; Anthony now lives in Huron, is a blacksmith by trade, and is unmarried.

Mr. and Mrs. Huttenlocker are the parents of six children: Louis Frederick, born March 9, 1899, has completed the course of the local schools and assists his father on the farm. Christian was born May 11, 1900, and is a student in the high school at Huron. Fredia was born December 10, 1901, and is in school. Elma was born July 21, 1902, and is in school. Dorothy was born April 21, 1904. Peter J. was born April 26, 1906. The family all attend the Reformed Church and Mr. and Mrs. Huttenlocker and two oldest children are confirmed in that faith. Mr. Huttenlocker in politics is a republican.

Peter Scheid. Since the Scheid family became established in this part of Northern Ohio more than sixty years ago, its members have played many worthy parts in varied activities, helped to clear up the wilderness and develop new farms, have proved vigorous workers and efficient citizens in every line of duty to which they have been called, and the name is one of the most highly honored in Erie County. It was as a pioneer that Mr. Peter Scheid was first identified with Erie

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MRS. CATHERINE SCHEID

County and he lived a long and industrious career until his death at his home farm in Oxford Township, October 22, 1905. Before his death he had bought a pleasant home on Front Street in Milan, and his widow, Mrs. Scheid, and some of her children now occupy that residence.

It was as a youth of seventeen that Peter Scheid came away from Germany and started his career in the New World in Erie County. He was born in Nassau July 31, 1834, and was in his seventy-second year when he passed away. His parents were Anthony and Catherine Scheid. His father was born near Deitz in Nassau, which was noted as a training point for German soldiers. He grew up as a farmer, and married a German orphan girl, who had been reared in the home of a prominent man in the community, a forester by profession. All the children of Anthony and Catherine Scheid were born in Germany. When the sons, William and Peter, had attained years of independence, they left the old home and set out for America, buying land near Pontiac, Ohio, in Huron County and starting its development. Two years later these brothers were followed by their parents and the other children. They all came across on sailing vessels, spending about four weeks on the ocean, and from New York the parents came out to Pontiac, Ohio, and on the homestead which the two sons had started to improve the parents spent their last years. The father died at the age of sixty-eight and the mother when past seventy-two. They had been reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church and always kept pretty close to the standards of that old religion.

The late Peter Scheid was the second in quite a large family, and was about seventeen years of age when he and his brother, William, ventured across the Atlantic and arrived as comparative strangers in Sherman township of Huron County. In 1853 they secured 172 acres of wild land, and the only improvement on it was a small log house. Their first work was cutting out the timber, which they sold to the railway company and used also in building barns. In 1860 the family put up a large residence on that farm, a brick house, which is still standing and is now owned and occupied by Charles Scheid, a brother of Peter. Charles was born in 1842 and for a number of years has owned the old homestead. Anthony Scheid during his lifetime donated a lot from his farm for a church and schoolhouse.

It was on the old homestead near Pontiac that Peter Scheid grew to manhood, though he was already a vigorous youth when he arrived there with his brother and started to clear the land. After his marriage he located on a fine farm of his own in Oxford Township of Erie County, containing 175 acres, and in the course of years he made that one of the best properties in that splendid agricultural section of Erie County. It was in the duties of this farm and in its comforts that he enjoyed the principal years of his life, and died there. He placed many improvements on the land, including a commodious house and several barns, set out a good orchard, and had the land well tiled and thoroughly cultivated. When he died the homestead comprised 235 acres, and it is all still in the family and is now managed by his son, Henry.

While a resident of Oxford Township Mr. Scheid took a prominent part in local affairs. He served as township trustee, as treasurer, and at the time of his death was a director of the Commercial Bank at Sandusky. In politics he was a democrat. He was one of the organizers of the German Lutheran Church at Union Corners, was for many years an official in the society, and his widow and daughters are still members there.

At Pontiac, Ohio, February 26, 1860, Peter Scheid married Miss Catherine E. H. Heuser. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Smokrow. Mrs. Scheid was born also in Nassau, near Deitz,

March 6, 1842, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Thorn) Heuser, who were natives of Nassau and of old German stock. Mrs. Scheid was their only child. In 1853 this little family took passage on a small steamer, which brought them down the River Rhine to Rotterdam, Holland, thence they crossed over to London, and from there by sailing vessel arrived in New York after a voyage of twenty-eight days. From New York they went to Monroeville in Erie County, and arrived at that place June 19, 1853. Mr. Heuser was a mason by trade and his first work in Northern Ohio was in the construction of the Maumee River bridge near Toledo. There he was overtaken by the ague, which was a common malady among the early settlers, but it was an entirely new experience to this German immigrant. He soon returned home, and later practiced himself in farming and gave up the mason trade altogether. He finally bought land in Oxford Township, and in its activities passed the remainder of his days. He died at the age of eighty-five in 1896. He had survived his wife about thirty years, she having passed away at the age of sixty. They were both members of the German Lutheran Church, and their old homestead in Oxford Township is now the property of their only daughter, Mrs. Scheid.

To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Scheid were born ten children. Charles P. is unmarried and lives at home with his mother in Milan. Louise C., who died June 6, 1915, was the wife of Louis Dorr, who is a coal merchant at Milan, and she left children named Norma, Louis, Jr., and Russel. Flora, who died June 6, 1913, was the wife of Robert Streck, proprietor of the Streck Hotel at Milan, and she left a daughter, Nellie. Henry L. is a prosperous farmer in Oxford Township. Catherine L. is the wife of George W. Waldock, a farmer in Perkins Township, and their children are Verna I. and Howard S. Amelia died at the age of ten months. Louis W. is a successful farmer in Erie County and manages the old Scheid homestead. Julia is the wife of Verne Pascoe, a grocery merchant at Sandusky, and their two sons are named Milton and John. Amanda L. died January 31, 1915, in young womanhood. Alda M., who, like the other children, received the best advantages of the local schools, was graduated from the Milan High School in 1902 and later in 1908 from the Conservatory of Music at Oberlin College and now makes her home with her mother in Milan.

Frank C. Risdon. While other members of this family spell their name Risden, Frank C. has always employed a slightly different spelling. However, this is by no means his only distinction. He is now a very successful and progressive farmer and stock man in Vermilion Township, his home being on rural route No. 2 out of Vermilion Village. The career of Mr. Risdon, who by his own efforts has risen from a state of comparative poverty to one of independence, is a striking illustration of what may be accomplished by industry, perseverance, and a wise use of the faculties with which almost every man is endowed.

It is a matter of common report in his section of Erie County that Frank C. Risdon is a master of whatever he undertakes. For many years he followed his trade of mechanic in the employ of the Nickel Plate Railway. He was an excellent mechanic and painter, and has shown similar ability and success in farming, and is a business man who can be relied upon to carry out every obligation which he undertakes and works consistently and influentially for the good of the community in which he lives.

On the old Risdon farm, a portion of which he still owns and close to his present home, Frank C. Risdon was born in Vermilion Township on April 5, 1854. What is known as the Risdon Road passes by his

farm. This is one of the older families of Erie County. His grandfather, Almor Risden, was born near Rochester, New York, and married for his first wife a Miss Nichols. She died there in the prime of life, leaving three children, George, Eliza and Elial. Almor Risden married for his second wife a Miss Lewis, and by that union there were two sons and four daughters. In 1836 Almor Risden with his second wife and family came to Ohio and located in the wilderness part of Vermilion Township. Here he cut a home out of the woods, lived in a log cabin until he could build a frame house, and was getting well started in his new home when he was accidentally drowned in the Huron River in 1838. He was a fine type of the early settler, and enjoyed the confidence of his fellow citizens so thoroughly that they elected him to various offices of trust and responsibility. It is especially worthy to be recalled that this pioneer was in the habit of paying cash for every hour's work done for him. This was somewhat unique in that time, when there was very little money in circulation, and many debts were taken out in trade of some kind.

George Risden, father of Frank C., was born in 1818 and was twenty years of age when his father died. He later bought a farm of his own not far from the old Risden homestead, and spent twenty-four years of profitable labor there. In 1872 he purchased another place of fifty-four acres situated on the lake shore and now known as the Silas Hitchcock homestead. There he passed away on January 28, 1893. He was a straightforward, honest man, and one whose success in life was beyond all question. In politics he was a democrat. George Risden married in Vermilion Township Miss Charity Goldsmith. She was born in Florence Township in October, 1823, a member of one of the very oldest families of Erie County. She died on the old Lake Shore homestead July 1, 1900. Her father was Isaac Goldsmith, who served as a soldier in the War of 1812 and soon afterwards came to Erie County as one of the pioneers. He died when past seventy years of age at his home four miles west of Vermilion Village.

Frank C. Risdon was one of a family of eight children. He was reared in a good home, given an education in public and private schools, and found plenty to do as a farmer until he was thirty. He then took up contracting for two years and subsequently became connected with the Nickel Plate Railroad as a member of its repair crew. Eighteen months later he was made foreman, and some years later became foreman in the painting department of the railroad. All told he was connected with the railroad company for twenty-five years, and the superior officials regarded him as one of the most competent and efficient men in the service. For five years of that time he lived in Lorain County, but finally he took up his residence on his present beautiful estate of 105 acres. All this land is improved, and is conducted on the same basis of efficiency which Mr. Risdon has employed in every other activity. He and his family enjoy the comforts of a modern seven-room house, a new basement barn 30 by 65 feet, the conspicuous feature about the home grounds, and there is another barn 24 by 40 feet. He has a sixty-ton silo adjoining his barn. All the farm facilities are arranged for efficiency and economy, and the entire farm is fenced and divided into fields by woven wire fencing, and there is not a rail or barbed wire displaced. Though in his sixty-second year, Mr. Risdon is apparently as full of energy as the ordinary man twenty years his junior. He works for a definite purpose, and is always ready to learn a new lesson, though many might well pattern after his successful efforts. As a farmer Mr. Risdon pays much attention to livestock. He keeps a good grade of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep, and has a number of excellent dairy cows, headed by a registered Holstein bull.

When quite a young man at the outset of his career Mr. Risdon married a neighbor girl, Viola E. Harding. She died in 1880, just two years after their marriage, leaving one son, William W., who is now living in Cleveland. For his second wife Mr. Risdon also chose a young woman from Vermilion Township, Jennie Brooks. She was born in the Village of Vermilion in 1863, and was reared and educated in this township. By this marriage there are two children: Ralph Henry, who attended schools at Lorain and in Cleveland, has for several years been the practical manager on his father's farm; he married Miss Ruth Kuhl of Vermilion Township, a graduate of the Vermilion High School, and they have a son Glenn F. Ollie M., the daughter, finished her education in the Vermilion High School and is still at home. She and her mother are members of the Congregational Church. Politically Mr. Risdon votes independently, and in civic matters what he does and what he thinks count for a good deal in his community.

JOHN WILL. There is no citizen of Vermilion Township who more thoroughly enjoys the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens than John Will. A German by birth, he has lived in America and in Erie County since infancy. Though a very young man at the time, he saw some active service in the Civil war. His business career has identified him with farming, and he owns and occupies one of the best homesteads to be found in Vermilion Township. His house is one of attractive exterior and all the comforts and conveniences which make life worth living. His individual prosperity has not been accomplished without benefit to the community in which he has lived so long.

He was born in Kurhessen, Germany, February 10, 1846, a son of Nicholas and Catherine (Reifer) Will. His mother was a daughter of Nicholas Reifer. All of them were born in Kurhessen. While the family lived in Germany two sons were born to them, John and a younger child, who died soon after the family came to America. In 1848 the little household took passage on an American sailing vessel and came from Bremen to Baltimore, spending eight weeks on the voyage. From Baltimore they proceeded west by way of canals and rivers as far as Sandusky, and then walked across country to the home of Henry Reifer, an uncle of Catherine Reifer Will. When Nicholas Will arrived in Vermilion Township he had not a single penny. He came prepared to do hard work, and he soon found plenty of employment. He worked on different farms and for several years was an employe of John Anderson, father of James Anderson, a well known citizen along the lake shore of Erie County. As he became better acquainted and people became familiar with his capacity for good intelligent work, he took a more independent course and rented a farm, and then three years later in 1858 he made his first purchase in Vermilion Township. In the spring of 1859 he moved his family to the land which he had bought, and there he worked industriously for many years in improving and in increasing his holdings. His death occurred there May 7, 1890, when seventy-one years six months of age. His widow passed away in 1908, being at that time eighty-five years old. They and their children were confirmed in the German Reformed Church. After the family came to Erie County two other children were born, Henry and Eliza. Eliza died after her marriage to Peter Kuhl, leaving three children: Anna and Charles, both now deceased; and Alice, wife of Mr. Schotz of Huron.

John Will has lived in Vermilion Township since he was thirteen years of age. He gained his early schooling in Erie County and grew up to a discipline of hard work, regular habits, and honest intentions. He has found farming both a congenial and profitable vocation, and

since the death of his mother in the fall of 1908 has owned the beautiful old homestead, comprising ninety-eight acres. Nearly all of his land is under cultivation and for years he has produced fine crops of all the staple varieties. His farm buildings are of the best. His nine-room house is thoroughly modern, has steam heat in all the rooms, is furnished with bathroom and many other comforts and conveniences.

In Vermilion Township Mr. Will married Miss Alice Neiding. She was born in this township October 1, 1858, and received her education in this county. Her parents, John and Magdalena (Hilcher) Neiding, were both natives of Germany and came from the same part of the fatherland as the Will family. They emigrated to the United States in 1850, spending thirteen weeks on a sailing vessel. They soon afterwards located near the Village of Vermilion, and improved a good farm there, but the parents finally retired to live in Vermilion Village, where her father died January 30, 1907, at the age of eighty years, and her mother on August 9, 1903, aged seventy-seven. Besides Mrs. Will the other children in the Neiding family are: Adam Neiding, who married Emma F. Brown of Vermilion Village, and they are the parents of three sons and one daughter, one of the sons, Otis H., being deceased; Burton is married, John Allen lives at home, and Frank E. and Emma are also at home in Cleveland. Henry Neiding is a commercial traveler living in Vermilion, and by his marriage to Mattie Bourne of Kentucky has two children, Mae and James, the former now married. John is a carpenter in the Village of Vermilion and first married Katie Fey, who died leaving Bertha, Charles, George and Alice; and for his second wife he married Catherine Knott. Samuel Neiding is in the meat market business at Vermilion, and by his marriage to Mary Fey, who is now deceased, he has a daughter Hattie. Kate Neiding is the wife of Robert Patterson of Cleveland, and they have a daughter May. Christina died after her marriage to the late Dr. Frank E. Engelbry, and there is a son by that marriage named Rowland.

Mr. and Mrs. Will have one son, Fred Peter, who was born December 6, 1884. He graduated from the Vermilion High School, and since reaching his majority has lived at home and is doing a large part of the work and management connected with the farm operations. Mr. and Mrs. Will and their son are members of the German Reformed Church, and the father and son are republicans in politics. It was on September 19, 1864, that Mr. Will enlisted in Company B of the 176th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and remained with that command until he received his honorable discharge on June 15, 1865, at Nashville, Tennessee. The war was nearly closed when he went to the front, and it was not his luck to take part in any pitched battle. For many years now he has been an active member of Vermilion Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and has filled several of its offices and is very popular among his old army comrades.

Henry Will. Born in the township of his present residence and on the farm which he now occupies and cultivates, and which his father took up in a totally wild and unbroken condition many years ago, Henry Will is one of the citizens of Erie County who can take special pride in the direct contribution made by himself and other members of the family to the improvement of this section of Northern Ohio. The land which his father first saw as a landscape of dense woods, has since been reduced by occupancy and tillage to a tract of agricultural land hardly surpassed in Vermilion Township. Thus what one generation won from the wilderness the next has continued to improve and make still better.

The parents of Henry Will were Nicholas and Catherine (Reifer) Will, who were natives of Kurhessen, Germany, and came in 1848 with one child to America. From Baltimore they went west and arrived in Erie County very poor though possessed of the characteristic German industry and thrift. For about ten years Nicholas Will worked for others, either at monthly wages or as a renter, and it was the hardest kind of struggle which finally gave him the modest capital which he invested in his first purchase of land in Vermilion Township. It was while the family lived in the Village of Huron in Erie County that Henry Will was born March 25, 1850. When he was nine years of age, in 1859, his father took the family to his newly purchased land in Vermilion Township. This land was on the Lake State Road and in the midst of the heavy woods. Henry Will recalls some of the incidents and scenes of his boyhood spent in a log cabin home, when all the country around was a region of dense forest. In time he himself wielded an axe and helped to clear off this land. Gradually the large trees were cut down, part of them were worked up into lumber and others were gathered together by the logging bees which were so familiar a part of the industrial and social life of that time, and these great heaps of logs and brush were burned in order that the land might be cleared for cultivation. It was on this land that the Will family got its first real start in the world. After many years of struggle and privation prosperity began to smile upon them, and Nicholas Will was able to see his efforts and sacrifices rewarded. He finally increased his holdings to 164 acres, most of it improved and cultivated, and worth many times what he gave for it. He also built a good home and barns, and there he and his good wife spent their declining years in peace and comfort. Nicholas Will died May 7, 1890, at the age of seventy-one years six months, and his wife passed away in 1908, at the age of eighty-five. In the early years of their residence on this old homestead they not only cultivated the usual crops but also raised much stock, particularly sheep, which found pasturage in the woods. The wool clip was largely utilized by the industry and perseverance of the good housewife and housemother, who would rise at four o'clock in the morning in order to take up her spinning. The yarn which she spun from the sheep wool was worked up into various articles of clothing which the children wore at home and in school. She would knit the yarn into socks and mittens, and in the long winter evenings her needles were never quiet until bedtime.

It is also recalled as a fact of local history that the first church in Vermilion Township, a Congregational Church, was built on the Will farm, which is the geographical center of the township. The first edifice was a hewed log building, and within its walls were gathered together people who came from miles around. Even the location of that old church has been forgotten by most people now living in Vermilion Township.

Of the old homestead which his father established and in the clearing and cultivation of which Henry Will bore his own boyhood part, he now owns nearly seventy-nine acres. In his individual career he has been very successful as a farmer and now has all his land cultivated except a woodland tract of eight acres. He grows all kinds of grain, fruit, and large quantities of grapes. He also keeps live stock in numbers proportionate to the size of his farm, including work horses, cattle and hogs.

In Vermilion Township Mr. Henry Will married Miss Annie Schroder. She was born in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County June 3, 1870, but was reared and educated in Vermilion Township, where her parents established their home when she was a child. Her grandfather

was Dr. Charles Schroder, a native of Kurhessen, Germany, who came to America a great many years ago and was a well educated and highly successful German physician and surgeon. He served as a surgeon in the Union army during the Civil war from 1861 to 1865. He had come to America with his wife and family during the '40s and lived first in Cleveland and later in Lorain County, but he died in Vermilion Township when eighty-three years of age, while his widow survived until she attained the maximum age of ninety-four. Mrs. Will's parents were Gus and Elizabeth (Miller) Schroder, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Brownhelm Township of Lorain County. For over thirty years the Schroder family have lived in Vermilion Township. Mrs. Will's father was seventy-five years of age in December, 1915, and her mother was sixty-five in November of the same year. Both are members of the Reformed Church. Mr. and Mrs. Will are likewise Reformed Church people and in politics he is a democrat.

Almor G. Risden. For well upwards of a century the Risden family has had its home in Erie County. In the various generations they have been people of most excellent worth, influence, and valuable to the community in which they live. For the greater part they have been farmers, but in whatever station of life to which they have been called, they have neglected none of the obligations imposed upon true womanhood and manhood and citizenship. Almor G. Risden spent a great many years in business affairs as a traveling salesman, but is now enjoying a somewhat more stationary form of life and with more comfort, though he is still very active, and has a nice farm and country estate in the Township of Vermilion.

It was in Vermilion Township that he was born June 26, 1860, a son of George and Charity (Goldsmith) Risden. His father was born in New York State and his mother on Long Island, and the former was of Welsh and the latter of English ancestry. Charity Goldsmith came to Erie County when about one year of age with her parents Isaac and Sarah Goldsmith from Long Island. Isaac Goldsmith and wife spent the rest of their days on a farm along the lake shore and died when quite old people. He was a democrat, and Mrs. Goldsmith was a member of the Methodist Church. George Risden, the father, lost his mother in New York State when he was about four years of age, and when he was sixteen he accompanied his father, Almor Risden, to Ohio. They made practically the entire journey on foot, carrying all their earthly possessions on their backs. On arriving here the father and son started out to make a living, and in the following year the grandfather was accidentally drowned while attempting to rescue a floating skiff in the lake. He was at that time forty-four years of age. After George and Charity Risden were married, they located on the farm in Vermilion Township which he had bought some time before. They worked hard, lived simply, and in a few years they had progressed to a point where they were regarded as more than able to take care of all their obligations. They spent their last years in the old Pelton home on the lake shore, where George Risden died in January, 1894. He was born in 1818. His widow died in 1900. She was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Almor G. Risden was one of a family of eight children, five sons and three daughters. All are living except Amanda who died after her marriage to Mr. M. C. Driver of Vermilion Township. Lilie, another of the daughters, is the widow of James Barnes, and has a son De Bee. William lives in Walla Walla, Washington, where he is engaged in coal mining, and is married and has two children named Ola and Nina. Frank was for a number of years a railway foreman but is now a farmer

in Vermilion Township, was twice married, and has a son, William W., by his first wife and two children, Ralph and Olive, by the second wife. James, who has a nice farm in Vermilion Township, married Clara Sickles, and their two daughters, Grace and Gladys, are unusually well educated, one of them being a teacher and the other a student in college. Next in age to James is Almor G. Ann is the wife of John Sheredd, a farmer in Vermilion Township, and their children are Bessie, Charity and Lawrence. George, Jr., who is a farmer in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County, is married and has an adopted child named Helen, now a student in the University of Ohio at Columbus.

Almor G. Risden grew up in Vermilion Township on the old homestead, gained a highly satisfactory education in the public schools, and at an early age launched himself into practical affairs where he soon proved master of any situation which came up. For twenty years he traveled as a salesman for sewing machines. Much of this time was spent in the West. He finally invested his savings in the good farm of forty acres along the Bartow Ridge Road, and is now prepared to take life somewhat easily. He has a good house, barns, all the facilities for progressive farming, and gets something more than a living from the home place. In addition he also is a contractor for concrete work.

In Huron Township of this county Mr. Risden married Miss Julia Galloway, daughter of the late George Galloway. Mrs. Risden was born in Huron Township in 1868 and acquired her education in that locality. To their marriage has been born one daughter, Myrtle, on June 6, 1886. She was well reared and educated and is now the wife of Court Smith of Vermilion Township. Mr. Risden since becoming a permanent resident of Vermilion Township has always interested himself in local affairs. He is at the present time township health officer, and for ten years served as truant officer. In politics he is a democrat.

Conrad H. Nuhn. In the judgment of many people of Vermilion Township, that township has no more thrifty farmer and industrial citizen than Conrad H. Nuhn. He has often succeeded in his undertakings where others have failed. The home that he has now is a notable instance of his enterprise. He took it when it was of little value as a farm, and by hard work, reorganization, and constant vigilance, has effected a wonderful transformation. Mr. Nuhn is not only a practical farmer, but for many years has been known to the farming people of Erie County through his operations as a thresherman.

He was born in Vermilion Township September 18, 1862, grew up in that locality, the son of honest and hardworking German parents, acquired a common school education, and became a practical worker before reaching his majority. In 1904 he bought his present farm, nearly one hundred acres, at Joppa Corners. Originally it had been a fine farm, excellent soil, but had been allowed to run down and deteriorate until it was of little value for regular cropping. It took Mr. Nuhn less than ten years to restore its former fertility and make it a model place in all its improvements. He has put up one of the best and most perfectly equipped barns in the township, standing on a foundation 38 by 48 feet. He also has a good home of seven rooms, surrounded by an attractive lawn set with some of the old fashioned shade trees. He grows the largest crops of staples, and keeps fine stock, including five milch cows, three head of good horses, and a number of hogs.

His parents were Osmus and Mary (Opper) Nuhn, who were born in Hesse, Germany, were married there, and after the birth of one

son immigrated to the United States. It took eight weeks for the sailing vessel to carry them across the ocean, and after landing they made their way westward to Vermilion Township and located among some of their former friends and acquaintances in Germany who had arrived before them. They were people of very modest circumstances, and accepted whatever opportunities they could find to make a start as small farmers. They later bought seventeen acres of land not far south of the Nickel Plate Railway, and in time they built up there an excellent home. The father died in 1908 at the age of eighty, and the mother passed away in 1903 aged sixty-five. They were German Reformed Church people and in politics he was a democrat.

For the past eighteen years Conrad Nuhn has spent much of his time during the season for that work as a thresherman. He keeps one of the best outfits in the county and operates it with a crew of four men. This has been one of his chief lines of work since he was eighteen years of age, but he was in the employ of others until about eighteen years ago.

In 1896 in Vermilion Township Mr. Nuhn married Mrs. Barbara Knott. She was born in Vermilion Township November 13, 1872, and was reared and educated there, being a daughter of George and Minnie (Hildebrand) Knoch, who were natives of Hesse, Germany. They crossed the ocean in the same vessel, being three weeks on the voyage, and were married later in Vermilion Township in the Reformed Church. They started out as farmers but Mr. Knoch also supplied much of the livelihood by work in a stone quarry. He finally rented and then bought 120 acres, and had converted it into a fine farm before he died in the fall of 1905. The Knoch homestead was located on the shore of Lake Erie. Mrs. Kuhn was only twelve years of age when her mother died, and her father married a second time, but there were no children of the second union.

Mr. and Mrs. Nuhn are members of the German Reformed Church, and in politics he is a democrat. They have one son, George, born November 13, 1897, who is an engineer and farmer, and is a very capable young man who has completed the work of the local schools and is capably assisting his father. Mrs. Nuhn by her former marriage to John Knott, now deceased, has a daughter, Pearl Knott, born December 29, 1894, who has completed her education in the public schools.

Joseph Fenton. What Joseph Fenton has accomplished as a farmer in Berlin Township is a lesson in industry, thrift and good management. From early boyhood he has been schooled in the university of hard work and experience. He was doing his part in lumber camps and in other hard work in the East when still a boy.

In 1902 Mr. Fenton bought his present well ordered fruit and grain farm in Berlin Township. He owns 68½ acres, beautifully situated, and highly improved and productive. In the past fifteen years he has placed most of the improvements on the farm. His principal barn for stock and grain is a substantial structure on a foundation 26 by 36 feet with 16-foot posts. The basement is solidly floored, and it is one of the best adapted structures of its kind found in Berlin Township. On his farm are fourteen acres of orchard, chiefly peaches. During the past year he produced 3,500 bushels of peaches, and his specialty in that fruit is the Lemon Free. He also grows large crops of corn and other staples, and his yield of corn has not infrequently been as high as 100 bushels per acre. He grows on his land from two hundred to three hundred bushels of potatoes per acre. He keeps enough stock to consume most of his crop, and these are of high grade.

Mr. Fenton was born in Warren County, Pennsylvania, June 6,

1866, a son of Charles and Harriet (Blackmore) Fenton. His father was born in England and his mother in Warren County, Pennsylvania. On coming from England Charles Fenton located in Pennsylvania, and married his wife there. He owned a small farm, but was chiefly employed in the lumber industry. The record which he made as a soldier in the Civil war is something which his descendants will always cherish. He went out with a New York regiment, and was in nearly all the engagements in which his command participated. A list of the battles in which he fought would comprise many of the greatest in the eastern theater of the war. He was at Grant's headquarters when Lee surrendered at Appomattox. He was severely wounded in the face in the battle of the Wilderness, and twice while a soldier he was captured and spent some time both in Libby and Andersonville prisons. He was exchanged, and after some months rejoined his regiment. After his honorable discharge he returned to New York State, and died there when his son Joseph was only eleven years of age. His wife had passed away two years before. Joseph Fenton is the oldest in a family of three sons and one daughter, all of whom are married and have homes of their own. After the death of his parents Joseph Fenton grew up in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox. He had little opportunity to gain an education. Most of his experience from early childhood was hard work. For several years he was employed in the lumber camps at Onoville. When only twelve years of age he learned to drive oxen, and when still quite a boy was proficient in the rafting of logs down the rivers in the lumber district. He went down the Allegheny River with what is said to have been the last raft of logs ever taken down that stream from Western New York and Pennsylvania.

After a variety of experience in the East Mr. Fenton came to Ohio in 1896, and bought twelve acres now included in his fine farm in Berlin Township. To this he added other land as his ability made that possible, and there is no better place in the county regarded from the point of productiveness and quality of crops.

Mr. Fenton is a democrat in politics. He married Marilla Baker of Florence Township. Mr. Fenton has a son, Leo B., born November 22, 1902, and now in the seventh grade of the public schools.

C. Henry Cherry. A resident of Milan Township, with postoffice at Avery, Mr. Cherry is numbered among the prosperous agriculturists of this vicinity. His life has been one of industry and the substantial position he has attained in the community is the result of his well-directed efforts and a thorough integrity and usefulness in all his relations.

His family were among the very early settlers of Erie County. Mr. Cherry was born in Milan Township September 18, 1849, a son of Charles Cherry, who was born in the first frame house built at Milan, and a grandson of William Cherry, who was probably born in Connecticut. William Cherry was married in the East and not long afterwards came to Ohio, settling at Milan, where he bought a small home. At that time and for several years afterwards land could be bought in this vicinity as low as 25 to 50 cents an acre. Unfortunately, he could not convince himself that an investment in land so cheap would ever prove profitable, and consequently never acquired any landed estate. For many years he did work at wages as low as 25 cents per day, and as a laboring man he spent most of his active career. He died when about eighty years of age and prior to the Civil war. He and his wife, who died before him, lie side by side in the Milan cemetery. They were members of the Methodist Church, and in politics he was a very decided whig. His children were: George, who for a number of years followed

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the mason's trade, was also a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in Michigan, returned safe and sound after the war, married and has a family of children, and is now a resident of the Soldiers' Home at Sandusky, aged about seventy-five and the only survivor of his father's children. Hannah and Abbie, both now deceased, died when quite old in Norwalk and left children.

Charles Cherry, father of C. Henry Cherry, while growing up, learned the trade of carpenter and subsequently with his brother, George, gained a knowledge of the mason's trade. He liked neither of these mechanical occupations, though he was very proficient in them, and finally turned his entire attention to farming in East Milan, and in this way spent his life. He died when quite an old man, and from early youth had been first a whig and later a republican in politics. He was married in Milan to Alvira Witt. She was born in New Jersey, came to Milan when a young girl, was educated in that township, and was a most faithful and capable wife and mother. She died a few weeks after her husband, as a result of paralysis. For many years both were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Charles Cherry and his son, Byron, both served as soldiers in the Civil war during the last eleven months as members of the Twenty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The son Byron was the oldest child in the family and at his death left two daughters. The second in the family is C. Henry. Gusta, the next in order of birth, is now Mrs. Halstead, living at Swanton, Ohio, and she has been married four times, and has children by her first husband, John Sanders, and also one by the second husband. Libby is the wife of Ralph Sayles, of Milan, who is now a retired farmer and is serving as township roadmaster, and they have a family of three sons living and one daughter, now deceased. William is a mason by trade, living at Norwalk and is married and has a large family of sons and daughters. Buford E. is now in the West, but his wife and family reside in Milan. George, who died about two years ago, is survived by his widow and one child at their old home in Collinwood, Ohio. Burton lives at Lorain, Ohio, is a machinist and now department foreman in the large steel plant at that city, and has two sons and four daughters.

In the township which is now his home C. Henry Cherry grew up and gained his early education. With the exception of ten years as livery man at Lorain he has made his career that of farmer, and since 1873 has lived on his beautiful place of fifty-three acres not far from Avery. With the exception of the ground covered by his buildings practically every foot is under cultivation. He is an intensive farmer, practical, methodical, industrious, and has made good in every sense of the word. He has a most attractive group of building improvements, including a seven-room residence, a substantial basement barn, and his specialty as a farmer is the feeding and dealing in life stock. He handles several car loads of cattle, sheep and horses every year, and also conducts a plant for the manufacturing of pork products. He kills a large number of hogs every winter, and sells several thousand dollars worth of their products.

On the farm that he now owns Mr. Cherry married Miss Euphrasia C. Gerrard. She was born in Perkins Township of Erie County, June 11, 1842, and after many years of happy married life she died at the home in Avery December 19, 1911. She grew up in Erie County, graduated from Oberlin College, and was a woman of great refinement and culture and impressed her influence on many people in her community. Her parents were Garret B. and Mary A. (Mackey) Gerrard. Her mother was a sister of Judge Mackey of Sandusky. Her father was for some years sheriff in Erie County, subsequently became a well-

to-do farmer, owning three farms, and he spent his last years at Avery. The Gerrard family were among the best known in Erie County, and both Mrs. Cherry's parents were born in New Jersey. Mr. Gerrard took a prominent part in republican party affairs. Mr. Cherry is an attendant of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Milan, of which his wife was an active worker until her death.

William F. Fichtel. A wonderful transformation has taken place in the material prosperity and standing of William F. Fichtel in the few years since he came from Germany, a young lad unacquainted with American ways and customs, and with little to depend upon except his own energies and ambition to give a good account of himself in the world.

Mr. Fichtel is now a well to do and successful farmer in Vermilion Township, and manages a fine place of 118 acres just west of Joppa Corners. This farm measures up to the best standards set in Erie County agriculture. Seventy-five acres of it is under the plow and each season grows fine crops of all the staples, with an average of thirty bushels of wheat to the acre, thirty-five bushels of barley, forty bushels of oats and eighty bushels of corn. Mr. Fichtel feeds most of his crops to his own live stock, and keeps five good milch cows, six head of horses and some hogs. He recently completed a substantial barn standing on a foundation 36 by 50 feet with 14-foot post, and his home is a comfortable and commodious house of eight rooms. He also has a good orchard. Mr. Fichtel has been proprietor of this farm since 1912, but for the previous ten years had managed it and he bought it from his father-in-law, Christian Hauff.

Like many of the most progressive farmer citizens found in Erie County, Mr. Fichtel is a native of Germany, was born in Wurtemberg October 28, 1876. His people were hard working, thrifty and honest Germans and his parents were Christian and Catherine (Frank) Fichtel, both natives of Sparweisen, Wurtemberg. His father was a farmer, and the parents spent all their lives in their native country. The father died when nearly sixty-four years of age, and his wife passed away when about fifty, though her father had lived to be eighty and her mother died at the age of ninety-six. Both branches of the family were communicants of the German Lutheran Church. William F. Fichtel was the third in a family of four children. His sister Barbara, who was the first to come to this country, having come over in 1888, is the wife of Gottlieb Werner of Huron, and they have two sons. The son Gottlieb, the older brother of William F., lives in Germany and has a family of sons and daughters. The youngest child is Carl, also a resident of Germany, and he has a daughter.

In his native province William F. Fichtel grew to early manhood, acquired an education after the German customs, and had attained to man's estate several years before he made the venture which brought him to the New World. His sister Barbara in 1900 had gone back to visit her German parents, and in 1901 when she returned to America her brother William accompanied her. After arriving in Huron he soon found employment as a farmer in Vermilion Township, and within a year he married Miss Bertha Hauff.

Mrs. Fichtel was born in Vermilion Township April 21, 1878, and was reared and educated here. She is a daughter of Christian Hauff, and a sketch of the worthy Hauff family will be found on other pages of this publication. Mr. and Mrs. Fichtel are the parents of six children: Ernest C., born February 7, 1904, now in the seventh grade of the public schools; Catherine M. was born September 25, 1905, and is in the fifth grade; Earl A. was born July 7, 1907, and is in the third

grade; Frederick William, born July 5, 1908, has only recently started to school. The two younger children are Henry Ackerman, born September 6, 1911, and Lydia F., born March 12, 1915. Mr. Fichtel and wife and the older children are members of the German Reformed Church, and in politics he is a democrat.

ANDREW A. SCHOEWE. Many of the leading and influential agriculturists of Erie County have passed their entire lives in the vicinities in which they are now making their homes, and it is but natural that these men should have an advantage over newcomers to the county, for their knowledge of soil and climatic conditions has been lifelong and they are thus able to direct their labors more intelligently. Prominent in this class is Andrew A. Schoewe, of Margaretta Township, a prosperous farmer and dairyman and influential citizen of his community, where he was born January 1, 1872, a son of August F. and Johanna Schoewe. The parents were both natives of Germany, and Mrs. Schoewe died a number of years ago.

August F. Schoewe came to the United States in 1859 and with his wife came to Erie County, Ohio, settling permanently in Margaretta Township, where he carried on milling operations in the brick mill in Margaretta, which has since been burned down. He also worked in the old mill at Venice, and later turned his attention to farming and carried on general operations in this line for many years. He was a man of industry and intelligence, his work being directed along well-defined lines, and his success was such that he was able to pass the declining years of his life in comfortable retirement. Mr. Schoewe was the father of five children who survive, namely: Mary, who is the wife of Edward Linder, of Sandusky; Amelia, who is a resident of Margaretta Township; Adeline, who is the wife of Albert Schoewe, of this township; Anna, who is the wife of George Arndt, of Sandusky; and Andrew A. The father has been a lifelong Methodist, in the faith of which church he carefully reared his children. In political matters he has always been a republican, and while he has not been a seeker for personal preferment on his own account, he has been active as a worker in the ranks of his party and in encouraging progressive and public-spirited movements. He is still the owner of a handsome property in Margaretta Township, although he has turned its operation over to younger hands.

Andrew A. Schoewe received his early education in the public schools of Margaretta Township, and this has since been supplemented by training, experience and observation, so that today he is a well-informed man as to all the really important subjects of the times. More than twenty years ago he first engaged in the dairy business, an enterprise which he has built up from modest beginnings to large proportions, and in addition to this of recent years has been extending his operations into the field of cattle growing and dealing, in which he has also won well-merited success. He is considered an excellent judge of cattle and horses, and as a business man his name is an honored one in commercial and financial circles.

On December 1, 1896, Mr. Schoewe was married to Miss Marguerite Coskanet, who was born in New York State, a member of a family which originated in France. Mr. and Mrs. Schoewe are the parents of three children: Victor R., Clyde L. and Victoria M. Mr. Schoewe is a member of the lodge of the Knights of Pythias, at Sandusky, and is politically a republican. He is public-spirited and a friend of education, and during his long residence here has unquestionably won the confidence of his neighbors, acquaintances and many friends in Margaretta Township.

NICHOLAS REIFERT. The value of such a life as was lived by the late Nicholas Reifert cannot be overestimated, since its influence may be observed in a community long after the individual has passed away. If a stretch of highway has been made possible, a tract of land cleared of the dense forest with which it was encumbered, a new business or industry started in his locality through his energetic efforts—a man has not lived in vain.

A large circle of old friends and acquaintances felt a deep sense of personal loss in the death of Nicholas Reifert which occurred December 29, 1914. He died at the Reifert homestead on the Risden Road in Vermilion Township, on the farm where his own productive efforts had been accompanied by many seasons of growth and fruitage, and where he himself was born on March 22, 1851. He was a good farmer, a good neighbor, and left an honored name to his descendants.

Both his grandfather, Nicholas Reifert, and his father, John Reifert, were born in Germany. John Reifert married in Germany Ann E. Hart. Their first child Margaret was born in Germany. In 1850 John Reifert and wife and daughter, accompanied by his parents, Nicholas and wife, came to the United States and from New York proceeded west as far as Vermilion Township in Erie County, where they settled on a farm which Nicholas Reifert developed from the wild conditions. Nicholas Reifert was past sixty years of age when he died, and his widow lived to be ninety-two. They were people of great vitality and both physical and mental strength. John Reifert, who was the only son of his parents, had a sister, Anna C., who became the wife of Nicholas Will, of the well known Will family of Vermilion Township. John Reifert finally came to own the old homestead, and lived there until his death in 1893 when past sixty-five years of age. He was accidentally killed while walking home on the tracks of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. His first wife died at the age of forty-five. He married for his second wife Eva E. Krapp, who was born in Germany, and who died in 1903 when seventy-eight years of age. Both were members of the German Reformed Church.

The late Nicholas Reifert was married in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County to Miss Mary Catherine Leimbach. She was born in that township February 12, 1862, and attended the local schools there through the eighth grade. Mrs. Reifert has been a devoted mother and wife, and she deserves much credit for having made and maintained the fine homestead in Vermilion Township where she now resides. Her parents were Henry and Anna C. (Kort) Leimbach, both of whom were born in Kurhessen, Germany. Her father came to the United States at the age of sixteen and her mother at fourteen. They had known each other back in Germany and as their respective families located in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County, they renewed their acquaintance and subsequently married. Later they moved to Woods County, Ohio, where Mr. Leimbach secured land direct from the government near New Rochester. He improved this land and finally sold out to considerable advantage and returned to Brownhelm Township. He is still living on the old homestead there, in comfort and plenty, and on December 15, 1914, was eighty-three years of age. His wife passed away December 23, 1910, at the age of seventy-two.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Reifert were born five children: Henry, who is a farmer in Vermilion Township along the lake shore, married Cora Thompson of Cleveland, and their children are Ethel, Frederick and Franklin. John, the second son, died at the age of seven years as a result of being kicked by a horse. Anna is the wife of August A. Zilch of Cleveland, and they now make their home in the City of Toledo and have two children, Dorothy M. and Lucile V. L. Franklin is now his mother's capable manager of the home farm, and

works its fields on the shares. The youngest child Margaret has been well educated, as were her brothers and sisters, and is still at home. The late Mr. Reifert was confirmed when a child in the Reformed Church and Mrs. Reifert and the children are members of the same faith.

Willard Burrows. For more than half a century a resident of Erie County, Willard Burrows has spent his active career as a progressive farmer in Florence Township. He has enjoyed the best elements of success, having acquired a good home, having given his family the comforts of living and education, and having steered an honorable and straightforward course throughout his own career.

His birth occurred in New York State April 23, 1850. His father, Andrew Burrows, was born in the same state April 29, 1809, and when he grew up took up the trade of cabinet making and combined it with farming. He was married in New York to Mary Etta Brunson, who was born April 4, 1813. While they lived in New York three children were born to them. The son Doane was born in 1845, the daughter died in infancy, and the other was Willard. For a short time during the infancy of Willard Burrows the family lived in Pennsylvania. In 1865 they came to Erie County, and bought land in Florence Township. On the old farm there Andrew Burrows passed away in 1891, having survived his wife by a number of years. Andrew Burrows was three times married, the mother of Willard was his second wife and the only one who bore him children. Doane Burrows, who is now deceased, married Kate, daughter of Rev. Nathan Shelmadine, who is also deceased. They left three sons, all of whom live in Pennsylvania, named Arthur, David and Earl and all three are connected with the oil industry.

Willard Burrows was about fifteen years of age when he came to Florence Township. He grew to manhood here, and finished his education in the local schools. His career has been that of a successful farmer, and his present homestead comprises seventy-four acres. His house, built under his own direction, is an eight-room residence, and it is surrounded by a number of substantial farm buildings. He has made his farm both the scene of productive enterprise and an attractive and comfortable place to live. While he is classified as a general farmer he raises a great deal of high grade fruit.

In the Hills Corners community on Hill Street in Florence Township Mr. Burrows married Miss R. Isabel Hill. She was born on the old Hill homestead, and seventeen acres of that old farm is now included in the Burrows farm of seventy-four acres. She was born July 8, 1852, and has spent all her life on this farm. Mrs. Burrows belongs to one of the oldest and best known families of Erie County. Her grandparents were David E. and Phoebe (Brundage) Hill, both natives of New York State, where they married, and where their son, John Wesley Hill, father of Mrs. Burrows, was born November 16, 1822. The latter was still a small boy when the family came to Erie County. They made the journey overland, with wagons and ox teams, progressing tediously over rough roads and crossing swollen streams. The family located in the forest district around the Village of Florence, and after making some improvements there moved to what is now known as the Hills Corners community on the Hill Road. There David Hill acquired three or four hundred acres of land, improved it, and by his energy and enterprise gave his name to a community and also to one of the important thoroughfares of Erie County. He and his wife spent the rest of their years on the old farm, and were highly esteemed members of the community. David Hill was largely self educated, but all his life was a great reader, and it is said that he could repeat entire chapters of the Bible from memory. He and his wife were very active members and supporters of the Methodist Church. David Hill was

ninety-seven years of age when he died, and until within a few years before his death had been able to read without the aid of glasses. He was of a long lived generation. His father before him was 108 years old when he died and the grandfather attained the remarkable age of 124. David Hill was through the War of 1812 as a soldier. John Wesley Hill married Charlotte E. Swartwood, daughter of Ebenezer Swartwood. She was born April 8, 1824. After their marriage John W. Hill and wife lived for a few years at Joppa, and then located on a part of the old Hill homestead, where ultimately they enjoyed the possession of nearly two hundred acres of fine land. They were very active people in their community, and stood for the best things in life. Both died in 1887, Mrs. Hill on April 10 and her husband on April 20. No one was more entitled to and enjoyed greater respect and esteem in the community than "Uncle John Hill," as he was known. They were closely identified with the organization of the Joppa Methodist Church, and David Hill had also been one of its officers and most active supporters. John W. Hill was a republican, but took little part in politics.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrows are justly proud of their fine family of children. Mary E., the oldest, was born April 7, 1873, and is the wife of Joseph K. Riblet, and they live in Michigan, and have children named Lynn, Isabel, Josephine and Margaret. Lewis M. Burrows, who was born November 28, 1875, and is now foreman of the paint gang for the Nickel Plate Railway, living at Cleveland, first married Mabel Summers, and her only child, Lucile, now lives with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Burrows. For his second wife he married at Westville, New York, Elizabeth Edge, who was a very competent trained nurse, and the romance which ended in their marriage was the result of her saving his life during a very hard siege of sickness. Elmer D. Burrows is the active manager of his father's farm, and by his marriage to Lena Losey has one son, Charles W. John W., born March 6, 1880, is a painter by trade, lives in Florence Township, and by his marriage to Winifred N. Summers has two children, Lisle W. and Rhoda E. Myrtle M. is the wife of Dell Smith, and they live on a farm in Florence Township and have children named Dorothy C. and Bernice Grace. Mr. Burrows and sons are prohibitionists in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Burrows are among the leaders in the local congregation of the Adventist Church.

Gottleib H. Knott. Every family constitutes a unit in the social fabric of Erie County. Most of these units are self-sustaining. A very few are liabilities instead of assets of the community. Still others are not only able to look out for themselves but bear a substantial and influential part in the advancement and progress of the community of which they are a part. In this latter class should be mentioned the Knott family, which for many years has been identified with Erie County, and a vigorous young representative of which is Gottleib H. Knott, of Vermilion Township.

He was born on the farm now owned in Vermilion Township on November 2, 1879. He has spent all his brief career in this one locality, and received his education at Joppa Corners. For the past two years he has owned the old homestead of fifty-one acres. This comprises land highly improved and very valuable, adapted to the growing of all kinds of grain, potatoes and apples. Since Mr. Knott took possession he has completed a fine new barn on a foundation 36 by 50 feet with 16-foot posts. The floor is all cement and the structure is well arranged and equipped having accommodations for twelve head of cattle and four head of horses and space for grain and hay. Mr. Knott and family reside in an attractive seven-room house, two stories, nicely

painted and comfortable both inside and out. Mr. Knott gets most of his revenues through his live stock, and he has been very successful in handling this branch of farm husbandry. He keeps good grades of horses, cattle and hogs.

He is a son of Gottleib and Anna (Koenig) Knott, both of whom were born in Hesse, Germany, and of old German families. They were still single when they emigrated to the United States, and came over when most of the boats crossing the Atlantic were sailing vessels. They came on west to Ohio and were married in Vermilion Township where they started out as farmers on the very land now owned by their son Gottleib. They were industrious and thrifty people, very honorable in all their relations, and were highly esteemed as long as they lived. The father died April 11, 1905, lacking only one day of being seventy-three years of age. His widow passed away at the same home on April 28, 1914, at the age of seventy-two. They were both active members of the German Reformed Church at Mittewanga on the lake shore and did much to keep up that organization and for many years the father was an official and held the post of trustee at the time of his death. In politics he was a democrat from the time he cast his first American vote.

Gottleib H. Knott is one of nine children, eight of whom are still living. Seven of these are married, and five have children. Gottleib H. Knott was married at Berlin Heights to Mrs. Bertha L. (Kelble) Baker. She was born in Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio, June 14, 1885. She was reared in Milan and in Berlin Heights and received most of her education in Erie County. Her parents were Joseph and Louise (Beck) Kelble, both of German parentage. They were married in Huron County but spent most of their lives in Erie County. The father, who was a farmer and butcher, died in 1909 at the age of fifty-six, and her mother is still living in Berlin Township. Mrs. Knott by her first marriage to Bert Baker, now deceased, has two children, Louisa and Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Knott are both church members, she of the Berlin Heights Methodist Episcopal Church and he of the German Reformed Church at Mittewanga, Vermilion Township. In politics he is a democrat and has been honored by several positions in the township government.

Christian Schatz. One of the best kept farms in Vermilion Township along the lake shore is owned by Christian Schatz. He is one of the German born inhabitants of Erie County who started life as a renter and by much thrifty economy and self-sacrifice has won a competence. He is a man who has been successful by keeping everlastingly at it. His farm is well improved, grows large crops, and he keeps some of the best of live stock.

Born in Prussia December 20, 1869, he is a son of Michael and Mary (Stigar) Schatz, who were also natives of Prussia and of old German ancestry. After their marriage they lived on a small farm in Germany, and while there two children were born to them, Christian and Catherine. In 1871 this little family together with the wife's parents set out for America. From New York City they came on west to Ohio, landed at Sandusky, and the following year lived on Kelly's Island. They next moved to Huron Township, where for some years they rented land, and then coming to Vermilion Township bought the Mittewanga farm. That was the home for many years, and the father by much industry provided for his household and accumulated something against old age. Selling out the forty acres he owned there he next bought a fine place of eighty-six acres, and he and his wife still live there, hale and hearty people, who apparently have much before them in the world, since the father is sixty-eight and the mother sixty-

five. They are members of the Evangelical Church and in politics he is a democrat.

It was on the old home in Vermilion Township that Christian Schatz grew to manhood. His education came from the local schools, and on arriving at years of maturity he started out for himself as a renter. This he kept up for some years, and finally was able to invest in a home of his own. In 1903 he bought a beautiful farm of eighty-five acres along the Lake Shore Railroad and the Barnes Highway in the same township. With the exception of twelve acres of timber all of this land is under cultivation. His home is a seven-room house painted white with green trimmings, and near by is a large barn on a foundation 30 by 60 feet, well adapted for stock and grain. Among other stock Mr. Schatz keeps four dairy cows. He was married in Henrietta Township of Lorain County to Elizabeth M. Pippert. She was born in North Amherst of Lorain County January 11, 1872, and grew up and received her education there. Her parents, Conrad and Barbara (Hildebrand) Pippert were natives of Kurhessen, Germany, grew up there, and when still young people came to the United States. The sailing vessel on which they crossed encountered rough seas and was twelve weeks on the voyage. When they landed in New York City they were almost starved. From there they came to Amherst in Lorain County, married there, and then located on a small farm at North Amherst. Some years later they moved to Henrietta Township in the same county and bought the tract of land on which the parents lived out the rest of their honored and industrious lives. Her father died April 1, 1905, at the age of sixty-three, and her mother on October 27, 1912, aged sixty-six. They were members of the Reformed Church and in politics he was a democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Schatz have two children: Carl William, born January 30, 1902, and now in the sixth grade of the public schools; and Helen B., born July 2, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Schatz are members of the German Reformed Church, and politically he is identified with the republican party.

Comfort H. Ruggles. Among the families who are celebrating or have the privilege of celebrating the centennial anniversary of the arrival of their ancestors in this section of Northern Ohio is included the Ruggles family, a name that was first planted in the wilds of Huron County on the Connecticut Firelands very shortly after the close of the War of 1812. It was a descendant of this old and prosperous and influential family who for many years lived in the near vicinity of Milan Village, where his widow, Mrs. Ruggles, still resides.

The late Comfort H. Ruggles was born in Ridgefield Township of Huron County, November 18, 1841, and died December 31, 1908, at his home on the crown of the Ruggles hill overlooking the Huron River and for many years known as "Hill Top," where Mrs. Ruggles has spent most of her life since birth.

The grandparents of the late Mr. Ruggles were Eden and Artemecia (Jackson) Ruggles. They were both born in Connecticut. The grandfather was born at Brookfield in Fairfield County, May 13, 1766, and his wife was born in the same locality March 12, 1771. Both were of Revolutionary stock, and there was a Capt. Joseph Ruggles who distinguished himself as a soldier in the struggle for independence. Eden Ruggles and wife were married at Danbury, Connecticut, May 20, 1790, and afterward they removed to Pennsylvania. Most of their children, eight sons and three daughters, were born in Connecticut. It was during the years 1816-17 that the various members of this family, either singly or in small parties, found their way out from Pennsylvania to the firelands in Huron County, Ohio. They were a people well fitted

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for pioneers, had the New England conscience, the rugged virtues which have always distinguished the people from that section, and were therefore naturally influential in the formative period of a new settlement, and did their part well in the material development. Eden Ruggles and wife both followed their sons into Huron County, and he died there January 19, 1855, and his widow on January 29, 1864. They were both people of Christian ideals and virtues, and among other accomplishments they were fine singers, and had sung in the church choirs at Danbury, Connecticut, and in churches in Pennsylvania and Ohio. It is due these people that some brief record should be made of their children, most of whom were subsequently identified with Northern Ohio. Aurelia, born in 1791 and died in 1880, left a family of eleven children. Joseph, born October 4, 1792, afterwards moved West, and died there. Sarah, born October 18, 1794, married a Mr. Drake of Huron County, and both lived as farmers in that section the rest of their lives, being represented by descendants. Daniel, born December 23, 1796, spent all his life as a farmer in Huron County, and also had a family. Polly, born February 14, 1799, married Benjamin Jackson, and she died while accompanying her husband and others in a wagon train to California in 1864, her death occurring at Carson Valley near California, and her husband later died in the same state, while some of their sons are still living there and well to do and prosperous. Peter, born November 10, 1801, spent his life in Ohio, married there, and died October 25, 1855. Martin Luther, the next in the family, is mentioned in the following paragraph. Salmon, born January 27, 1806, and died February 7, 1866, left children by his marriage to Rebecca Nieman, and these children are all now living in the West. Orrin, born September 2, 1808, and died at Milan December 29, 1898, married Sarah Nieman, who at her death left several children. William A., born November 17, 1811, moved to Chicago, lost his property there in the great fire of 1871, afterwards went out to California and died in that state August 1, 1889. Eli H., born January 22, 1814, was three times married, but had no surviving children at the time of his death in December, 1877.

Martin Luther Ruggles, who was born in Brookfield Township, Fairfield County, Connecticut, November 13, 1803, was still a boy when the family came to Huron County. Like some of his brothers, he learned the trade of ship carpenter in and around the Milan shipyards, and followed that as a regular vocation for many years. He also secured a fine tract of land in Ridgefield Township of Huron County, and that was the scene of the family activities for many years. He died in that township December 1, 1850, when still in the prime of life. His children were still young, but he left them the heritage of a good name as well as some possessions which would keep them in material comfort. Martin L. Ruggles married Fidelia Webb. She was born in Pompey, New York, September 25, 1808, and died January 9, 1894, at the home of her daughter in Clyde, Ohio. She was still a young woman when she came to Ohio, and during nearly all her life had been a zealous member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Ruggles was first a whig and later a republican. In their family were eight children, six sons and two daughters, and the late Comfort Ruggles was the sixth in order of birth. Of these children Carlton is a retired business man and contractor living now in California, and has children by his two marriages. Emily T., another of the children, is the widow of Edwin L. Perry, has a large family of sons and daughters, and lives in North Fairfield, Ohio. Belle is the wife of Arthur L. Clark, who is now business representative at Clyde, Ohio, of a nursery establishment.

The late Comfort H. Ruggles was well reared and educated and every feature of his career was such as to redound to his credit. He attended the Milan High School and also the normal school, and for

a number of years combined work at a mechanical trade with the capable direction of his farm interests. For many years he held the office of justice of the peace and also filled other local positions. During President Harrison's administration he was postmaster at Milan. He was quite a factor in local republican politics, and in Masonry was probably one of the best posted men and active workers in this section of the state. He filled the highest offices in the Masonic Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter and Council at Norwalk.

On November 28, Thanksgiving Day, 1867, at the home of the bride, now known as Hill Top, near Milan, Comfort H. Ruggles and Miss Charlotte H. Merry were united in bonds that remained unbroken for more than forty years. Mrs. Ruggles was born April 1, 1844, on the very place where she now has her home. She grew up and received her education, and the scenes which influenced her early childhood have been with her through the associations of old age. Her parents were Samuel and Cordelia (Baker) Merry. Her father was born at Mentor, Ohio, June 27, 1811, and died December 14, 1883. Her mother was born at Vernon in Tolland County, Connecticut, October 13, 1816, and died March 21, 1875. A week after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Merry moved to the Ruggles Hill and occupied what is now Hill Top near Milan Village. Mrs. Ruggles' father was one of the managers of the old Ebenezer Merry Mills at Milan and one of the most active members of the firm during his father's life and assumed the greater part of the responsibility after his death. Other references to the Merry family and their activities will be found on other pages in the sketch of Charles O. Merry. After the mills were closed down Mr. Merry devoted his attention to the raising of fancy poultry on the Hill Top place, and that became noted throughout Erie County for its splendid products. While still living there and engaged in those activities he passed away. Mr. Merry was a man of unusual business ability until continued ill health made it necessary for him to relinquish an active part in the management of his affairs. Mrs. Ruggles' father was of a very retiring nature, and some people considered him austere in manner. He was positive in his belief and always lived true to his ideals. In politics he was a republican, and he and his wife were Presbyterians.

Mrs. Ruggles since the death of her husband has continued to occupy and look after the beautiful Hill Top place. She is a lovable woman and has exemplified the beautiful truths of the Christian religion in her home and in her associations with the community. She and her family are attendants of the Presbyterian Church, and the sons are republican voters. A brief record of the five children will appropriately close this article.

Bertha Evelyn was graduated from the Milan High School and Normal, taught school for several years, and is now the wife of Roy E. Webb. Mr. Webb was born, reared and educated at North Fairfield in Huron County, and completed his education under his father, Ezra H. Webb, who served as superintendent of schools in many cities in Northern Ohio and is still prominent in educational affairs in the state. Mr. and Mrs. Webb now live at Toledo, where he is identified with the Wells Fargo & Company's Express in that city. Their children are: Donald Ruggles, who was born March 17, 1903, and is now in the seventh grade of school; and Charlotte Lucy, born May 10, 1910.

Howard W., the second child, born July 25, 1870, is now a printer living at Norwalk, Ohio. By his marriage to Laura Remington he has a daughter Eleanor Bertene, born September 1, 1903.

Archie Walter, born July 24, 1872, lives at home with his mother and is a buyer and silent partner in the firm of Lockwood, Smith & Co., general merchants at Milan. He graduated from the Milan High School in 1894 and is still unmarried.

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Everton George, born September 1, 1874, was graduated from the Milan High School in 1895, and is now cashier of the Farmers & Citizens Banking Company of Milan. He married Harriet Lewis of Cleveland.

Kent P., born June 26, 1880, was graduated from the Milan High School in 1898, and is now correspondent for the Goodrich Rubber Company of Akron. He married Bessie James, and they have a son Arthur James, born June 22, 1914. His home is at Cuyahoga Falls.

ROBERT W. WORDEN. Among the departments of service in the great railroad corporations one of more than ordinary importance is that which deals with the inspection of weights and freight. In this branch of service is maintained what is known as the Joint Rate Inspection Bureau, whose members must be men of intelligence and accuracy, energy and industry, preferably those who have had some years of railroad experience back of them. The bureau's chief representative at Sandusky is Robert W. Worden, whose duties include the inspection of freight rates and weights. Since the beginning of his career Mr. Worden has been connected with railroad work of some character, and has risen steadily from a minor clerkship to his present important position through the display of energy, ability and fidelity to the company's interests.

Born at Fremont, Ohio, January 11, 1868, he is a son of Darwin L. G. Worden, who was a descendant of Peter Worden, the founder of the New England family of Wordens, whose will was probated in the Town of Plymouth, Massachusetts, on February 9, 1639. Darwin L. G. Worden was a native of New York, coming from Herkimer County to Ohio in the early '40s and settling in Cleveland. After marrying Eliza Reid in 1866 he moved to Sandusky County and took up his residence near the City of Fremont. While agriculture was his chief vocation during his earlier years, he also followed other callings, in all of which he proved himself capable, enterprising and faithful, winning and retaining the respect and confidence of those with whom he came in contact. In 1872 he came to Erie County, and from that time resided in Sandusky, engaged in diversified occupation. He is still well remembered by a number of the older people of Sandusky and vicinity, among whom he mingled in a business way and upon whom he impressed his personality by reason of his many sterling qualities. He was for a period of more than a quarter of a century a devout member and generous supporter of the Methodist Church.

Robert W. Worden was four years old when brought to Erie County, and here was reared, obtaining his education in the public schools of Sandusky. His schooling completed, he began life as a clerk in the offices of the L., B. & W. Railroad at Sandusky, remaining with that company until it went into the hands of a receiver, at which time he joined the clerical force of the C., S. & C. Railroad, which was later absorbed by the C., C., C. & St. L. Railway. There he remained a short time, when he transferred his services to the C., S. & H. Railway and finally was appointed an employee in the Joint Rate Inspection Bureau. He is one of the most valued and trusted of the bureau's employees and has won this confidence by valued and faithful service. The large corporations reward only real service, so that a position of preferment in itself is tangible evidence of the possession of more than average ability.

Aside from the duties of this position Mr. Worden finds an outlet for his energies in fraternal work, in which he is well and widely known. He is prominent in Masonry, being a member of Perseverance Lodge No. 329, F. & A. M., of which he has been secretary for twenty-four years; Sandusky City Chapter No. 72, R. A. M.; Sandusky City Council No. 26, R. & S. M., of which he has been thrice illustrious master; and Erie Commandery No. 23, K. T. He has been secretary of all

the Masonic bodies of which he is a member for several years. He is also a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and belongs to the Masonic Temple Association of Sandusky, of which he is secretary. In his religious belief Mr. Worden is a Presbyterian, a faith to which he has adhered since boyhood. His first vote was cast for a candidate of the republican party, and from that time to the present he has supported the men and measure of that organization. While not an office seeker, he takes an interest in public affairs, particularly where the welfare of his city is concerned.

Mr. Worden was married May 24, 1898, at McKeesport, Pennsylvania, to Miss Marian Woodall Holt of that city, a daughter of Enoch Holt and Sarah (Winders) Holt. To their marriage have been born two children: Miss Elsie B. H. is now a student in the Sandusky High School. The second child, whose name was Robert Holt, died at the age of eighteen months.

GEORGE MEYER. It is one of the essential purposes of this publication to give permanent record to the lives and useful activities of those families that have identified themselves most closely with the real life of Erie County. Of the basic industry upon which all else depends farming must be considered first among the pursuits which make any country prosperous. It has been with the farm enterprise of Vermilion Township that the family of George Meyer has been most closely connected. His father was an honest, industrious and hard-working German-American citizen, who came here in young manhood, worked hard by day and month wages for a number of years, and finally effected the purchase of a tract of land which in time he converted into a well improved farm. George Meyer has followed in the footsteps of his father, and now owns one of the excellent fruit farms in the township, on rural route No. 1 out of the Vermilion postoffice.

He was born in the Village of Vermilion in June, 1861, and lived in town until twelve years of age. In 1872 he went with the family to a farm five miles southwest of Vermilion, situated on the Barton Ridge Road. There he grew to manhood, completed his education in the district schools, and kept his home there until about two years ago, when he located on his present place of fourteen acres, comprising a fruit farm, also on the Barton Ridge Road. Since taking possession of this place Mr. Meyer has rebuilt an old house into a modern six-room residence, with cement basement, heated by hot air furnace, and with all the improvements and facilities that make life comfortable. He has good farm buildings and grows large quantities of fruits, including apples, cherries, peaches and much small fruit. He is a man of good judgment, is a skillful operator in fruit culture, and has the reputation among his neighbors of doing well whatever he undertakes. Mr. Meyer has never married.

His parents were John P. and Anna C. (Morris) Meyer. His father was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1822. After gaining a common school education he entered the German army when about eighteen, served five years, and was still a young man, about twenty-three, when he came to the United States. He crossed the ocean in a sailing vessel, and soon after landing came west as far as Erie County. In Vermilion Township he found employment on a farm, also worked in the Furnace at Furnace Corners, a short distance south of Vermilion Village, and and still later was employed as a section man on the Lake Shore Railroad. That was his varied line of work up to 1872. In that year he moved to the Bartow Ridge Road, bought eighty acres of land, increased it by another ten acres, and by hard work and intelligent management pursued agriculture on a profitable scale so that his last years were spent in plenty and comfort. He died January 28, 1911, when in

his eighty-ninth year. He retained his faculties almost to the end. As a child he had been confirmed in the German Reform Church. His wife passed away May 15, 1910, and she was born in 1831. Her birthplace was Kurhessen, Germany, and having lost her father when she was a child she came with her mother and brothers to this country and to Vermilion Township when she was eleven or twelve years of age. Her mother married for her second husband John Roeder and they lived out their lives in Erie County.

Mr. George Meyer was one of a family of nine children. The five now living include George, the oldest; Nicholas, who has never married and is living on a farm in Vermilion Township; Mary, widow of J. S. King, lives near Ogontz and has a daughter Marguerite; Anna is the wife of Elmer Wasem of Ogontz, and they have children named Charles, Lucile, Paul and Edith; Elizabeth lives with her brother George and is a woman of thorough education, and has taught for one year in the State of California and Erie County, Ohio, and is now a teacher in the fifth grade in Vermilion Village. Mr. George Meyer is a democrat in politics. While always busy with his farm work, he has shown an intelligent interest and public spirited disposition to help forward any public improvement in his home community.

Charles S. Bristol. The Township of Vermilion has some very fine farms and some very wide awake and enterprising farmers. One of the first to be mentioned among these is Charles S. Bristol, who looks after an estate of 177 acres near Axtel on the old Butler State Road. He devotes his time to general farming purposes, the raising of good stock, and the growing of fruit, chiefly apples. While his farming enterprise is conducted on a considerable scale, less than half of his land is thoroughly improved, but that part would bear favorable comparison with any of the improved lands in this section of the state. He uses first class business principles and energy in his work, and grows all the staple field crops and fruits, a considerable part of his revenue coming from the stock he raises.

For about twenty-six years Mr. Bristol has occupied this farm and has owned it since 1893. It was the property of his father for fourteen years previous to that. Under his own direction Mr. Bristol has directed the improvements and the cultivation, and the building equipment all represents his work and investment. He and his family occupy a substantial and comfortable nine-room house, surrounded with good barn buildings.

Charles S. Bristol was born in Birmingham, Erie County, October 26, 1859. He grew up and received his education in that locality, and for ten years of his early life lived in Henrietta Township of Lorain County. His father also owns a farm there. From Lorain County he came to his present location in Erie County, and there is no resident of Vermilion Township who enjoys higher respect than Charles S. Bristol.

His parents were Charles A. and Charlotte (Dennison) Bristol, both of whom were natives of New York State. They came from Ithaca, New York, when young people and were married in Lorain County. After their marriage they first located on a thirteen acre farm. To this the father added from time to time until he had 150 acres of fine land. On that old homestead were born children named Jane, Alice, Alva, Emma and Edith. In 1858 or 1859 the family moved from Lorain County to Birmingham, where Charles A. Bristol bought sixty-two acres. Out of this land four or five acres were set aside for cemetery and Methodist Church purposes. The farm had originally been owned by Clinton Ennis and Mr. Bristol bought it from that owner.

This was the scene where the parents spent their last days. Charles A. Bristol died in 1901 at the age of eighty-two, while his wife had passed away about a dozen years before, being then three score and ten years of age. Both were members and active supporters of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while in politics the father was a whig and afterwards a republican, and the confidence felt in him by his fellow citizens was manifested by their choice of his services for various local offices. He and his wife were sturdy workers, people of the highest character, and as the result of many years of effort they secured and improved the greater part of three different farms. As already stated, the father owned the farm on which his son, Charles S., now lives, and had first bought it in 1875, though he never occupied it as a place of residence. Both Charles S. Bristol and his brother William were born in Erie County. There are three sisters also still living, Alice who married George Blanden, and Edith and Emma, who were never married.

Charles S. Bristol was married in Florence Township to Hannah M. Hamann. She was born in Louisville, Kentucky, August 19, 1857, and was a young girl when brought to Erie County by her parents, Henry and Martha (Grepps) Hamann. Her parents were both natives of Hesse, Germany, came when young people to America and met and married at Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. Bristol's father died at Birmingham in 1896 at the age of sixty-nine. He was a democrat in politics. His wife has since twice married and is again a widow and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Libby Huffman in Clyde, Ohio. The Hamann family had membership in the German Methodist Church. Mrs. Bristol is one of the older in a family of ten daughters and three sons, as follows: Catherine, Carrie, Sophia, Mary, Margaret, Libbie, John, William, Leibert and Hannah and three that are dead. Those still living are all married.

Mr. and Mrs. Bristol have created an excellent home and have surrounded themselves with children, most of whom have already taken their independent stations in the world of activities. There were seven children born to their union: Emma is the wife of William Noble, living at Cleveland, and they have a son Carlton. Bertha Annetta was reared and educated in Vermilion Township and is still living at home. Cora B. is the wife of Charles Heidrich, and they are farmers in Henrietta township of Lorain County. Charles A. lives at home and assists his father in farming. Ethel L., who like the other children was educated in the public schools, remains at home. Ray E. is connected with the implement business at the Village of Vermilion. Ira D. is now attending the high school at Birmingham. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church and politically Mr. Bristol is a republican.

Charles D. Palmer. Although a native of Michigan, Mr. Palmer has been a resident of Erie County since childhood days, and has made for himself a successful and honored position as a farmer and stock grower in Vermilion Township, and is recognized as an alert, loyal and public spirited citizen. His attractive and valuable homestead of sixty acres is located near Axtel. The land is exceedingly fertile and highly improved, and under his management has been made to grow all the staple crops in abundant quantities, and he also pays much attention to the better grades of live stock. The buildings are in good condition, including a house, barn and other outbuildings. This has been the home of Mr. Palmer and the scene of his best activities for the past thirteen years.

Born in Cass County, Michigan, May 1, 1865, he lived there until eight years of age, but has since been a resident of Erie County, where

he grew to manhood and gained his education in Vermilion township. His father, Daniel Palmer, was born in Michigan. Daniel Palmer still lives in Michigan, is a hardware merchant at Marcellas, and by a second marriage has several children. Charles D. Palmer's mother was born in Vermilion Township near Axtel in 1841. She was reared and educated there and after her marriage went to Michigan. Seven years after she returned to Erie County with her son Charles she married Shepherd B. Grover of Vermilion Township. Mr. Grover was a substantial farmer and died in that community in 1905, when nearly eighty years of age. During the Civil war he was in the Union service as an employe in the Government Navy Yard at Philadelphia. While there he learned the trade of ship carpenter, and this furnished him a vocation which he pursued during all his active years. He helped to build the Golden Age at the Fries Shipyard near Milan. The Golden Age was a noted old time boat on Lake Erie, and at one time the largest vessel on that body of water.

Mr. Palmer's mother before her marriage was Miss Louise Champney. She died in 1898, having for many years been identified with the Adventist Church at Axtel. Her father was Francis Champney of an old and honored family of pioneers in Vermilion Township, where he spent practically all the years of his life. Charles D. Palmer has a half-sister living, Edith Ann, who married Harley Clawson, and they live on the old Grover home in Vermilion Township near Axtel, and have a son Grover Clawson.

When he established a home of his own Charles D. Palmer selected as his wife and companion Miss Adda E. Heyman. They were married in Vermilion Township, and Mrs. Palmer was born near Axtel October 16, 1881. All her early years were spent near her birthplace. Her parents were Adolph and Alice (Dean) Heyman, the former of German parentage and the latter of English. Her parents spent all their lives in Ohio and largely in Vermilion Township. Her father died March 21, 1902, at the age of forty-three, while Mrs. Heyman is still living and was fifty-five years of age on December 3, 1915. She makes her home in Elyria, Ohio, with her daughter, Bertha Regal, wife of James E. Regal. Mr. and Mrs. Regal have one daughter, Ethel. Mrs. Palmer has one brother, a twin of herself, Alva B., who married Gertrude Dickel, and they have five children, Irma, Alice, Harvey, Martha and Alva W., Jr.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Palmer: Cora A., born December 31, 1900, is now attending the Vermilion High School; Louis A. died at the age of three months; Dean Heyman was born March 27, 1906, and is in the fourth grade of the public schools; Arnold F. was born June 27, 1910. Mrs. Palmer is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Palmer takes considerable interest in democratic politics but is especially known as a good citizen in favor of every local improvement.

John A. Croll. Hard work has been the keynote of the success of John A. Croll of Vermilion Township. When he was about eighteen years of age he came with the rest of the family from his native fatherland to Northern Ohio. A few years later he assumed independent responsibilities and started out to make his own fortune. There were handicaps in the way of lack of knowledge of language and customs, but he overcame them all, and by persistent industry has attained practically all his worthy ambitions. He now has a fine farm, has a comfortable and good home, a devoted wife and children, and is pointed out in his locality as a very successful and much esteemed citizen.

He was born in Hesse, Germany, fifty miles from Hesse Cassel May 9, 1866. His parents were Elijah and Barbara Elizabeth (Reidash) Croll, natives of the same province and of old German lineage. There were just two children in the family, and Mr. Croll's brother is Conrad Croll, a farmer of Huron Township, in Erie County. Conrad married Carrie, daughter of Andrew Houtenlocker. They have a daughter Alta, now fifteen years of age and a student in the high school at Sandusky.

In Germany the family lived according to the simple standards of the time and their community. The boys attended school and were taught to be honest and industrious. In 1884 this little household embarked on the ocean liner Suabia at Hamburg and landed in New York City on the 31st of July the same year. From there they came on west to Brownhelm Township in Lorain County. Here the father had little time to fortify his family against the future since he died four years later in 1888 and was buried on the 29th of July. He was then about fifty-three years of age. His widow is still living and makes her home with her son John and is seventy-four years of age and quite enfeebled by years. Both she and her husband were members of the Reformed Church.

After coming to this country John A. Croll lived in Lorain County until he was twenty-three and then moved to Vermilion Township. Here he secured the opportunity of working a tract of land on the shares, and continued that plan of operation for several years. He raised large crops, disposed of them to advantage, and soon had a little capital besides the credit that naturally goes with such self reliant industry. He invested his money in a farm near the lake shore, and conducted it for eleven years before he sold out in 1906 and bought his present place, which is near Axtel on the Harmony Ridge Road.

Mr. Croll's farm comprises 150 acres of fine land. It will grow all the staple crops and his fields have never failed to respond to his intelligent cultivation. He has an excellent assortment of farm buildings and improvements. The principal barn is on a foundation 36x60 feet, and attached to it is another barn 24x90 feet, especially adapted for the care of stock. He also has houses for his hogs, a shed for wheat, a tool house, corn crib and practically everything needed for the housing and care of stock and grain. Some special word of commendation should be paid to his home surroundings. The ten-room house sits on a large lawn surrounded with abundance of shade, and while Mr. Croll does not pose as a landscape gardener he has wrought some exceedingly attractive effects around his house, and it is a very inviting place both outside and in. Besides his general farm enterprise he grows considerable fruit.

In this township which has been the scene of his successful work as a farmer, Mr. Croll married Miss Anna E. Knitel. She was born in this township February 10, 1867, and grew up and received her education in the same locality. Her parents were Jacob and Susanna (Altmiller) Knitel, both of whom were born in Hesse, Germany, were married there, and some time during the decade of the '50s they crossed the ocean and established a new home in Vermilion Township of Erie County. They continued to live on their farm, which they improved from year to year, and their last years were spent in a comfortable good home and with plenty for all their needs. Her father died at the age of sixty-one and her mother at seventy-eight. They were members of the Reformed Church and Mr. Knitel was a democrat. Mrs. Croll was one of a family of six, four sons and two daughters and all are living except one daughter and all married and have children of their own.

The household of Mr. and Mrs. Croll has been blessed by the birth of six children. Jacob K., born September 20, 1892, was educated in the public schools, is still unmarried and has done something to show his own enterprise as a farmer. Carl, born February 15, 1894, has also completed his education in the local schools and is still at home. William, born July 16, 1896, has finished his school work and is lending a helpful hand about the home farm. Albert, born March 8, 1899, has finished the local school course. Henry, born November 15, 1901, is now in the eighth grade of the public schools. Mary A., born November 9, 1903, is also in the eighth grade of school. Mr. and Mrs. Croll and family are members of the Reformed Church at Vermilion, while in politics Mr. Croll and his grown son exercise a judicious care in selecting the best candidate irrespective of party.

Lucius S. Harrison. If a man may be judged by those accumulations which reward his business enterprise and by the esteem which he enjoys from his community, there is no question of the position occupied by Lucius S. Harrison in Vermilion Township. As a farmer he has done more than well. At the present time he is proprietor of two high grade farms. One of these, on which he lives, contains fifty-six acres of highly improved land, and the conspicuous feature of it is a fine peach orchard, 500 bearing trees, and in the average season they produce many hundreds of bushels of this fine fruit. His other farm is in Florence Township, and also contains fifty-six acres. It has been brought to a high state of cultivation also. The keynote of Mr. Harrison's farming activities has been progressiveness, and he has made a business success without sacrificing any of those genial and generous characteristics which are his personal endowment.

It was on a farm in Florence township of Erie County that Lucius S. Harrison was born on January 17, 1854, a son of Thomas and Ruth A. (Hine) Harrison. His mother was a member of one of the very early pioneer families of Erie County. She was born in Florence Township July 18, 1822. Erie County was a wilderness at that time and her parents were among the first who penetrated into that particular section and made for themselves rude beginnings of agriculture and home life. She was reared and spent practically all her life in Florence Township, and died within a mile of her birthplace July 5, 1908. Thomas Harrison was born April 28, 1813, near Amsterdam, New York, and left that state at the age of twenty-one, going to Michigan, and in 1836 came to Erie County. Here he met Miss Hine, and a year later they were married and started out as farmers. Not long afterward the parents of Thomas Harrison, Philip and Catherine (Philips) Harrison, came also to Florence Township from New York State and here spent the rest of their days, passing away when quite old. The grandparents were active church members, and the grandmother was particularly a leader in church affairs. After their marriage Thomas and wife settled on a farm two miles northwest of Birmingham. He was an industrious worker, was systematic and careful and conducted his farm so as to bring out of it the best results and in time he made a very comfortable home. On the old homestead he passed away on July 6, 1891, when in very advanced years. His wife was a member of the Congregational Church. In politics he was a republican, but made no effort to gain official position.

Lucius S. Harrison is the only surviving child of these parents. His sister Mary married Hiram Butman, and they lived and died in Wisconsin where their only child, Alice, is now living as a widow, with one son, Newton Burton. The other sister, Elizabeth, married William Bell, and she was born in 1856 and died in 1889, leaving two daughters:

Ada, now the wife of Bert Myers of Milan; and Ora, wife of Ed Starr of Norwalk.

On the old homestead in Erie County Lucius S. Harrison spent his boyhood and early youth. He attended the local schools, and was well prepared by industrious discipline for the responsibilities of manhood when the time came. At the age of twenty-four he married in Vermilion Township Miss Ella L. Williams. She was born in Vermilion Township September 26, 1857, and was educated in the school at Axtel. Her parents were Joel F. and Silvah (Humphrey) Williams, the former a native of New York State and the latter of Ohio. They were married in Sandusky, lived there a few years, and then moved to a farm in Vermilion Township where they spent many years. Mr. Williams, who was born June 1, 1827, and died March 6, 1885, was a moulder and engineer in early life, and after his marriage became a lake boat engineer, and followed that occupation until his death at his home in Axtel. He was well known, particularly in lake marine circles. His wife, who was born June 24, 1832, died February 28, 1907. Mr. Williams was a republican in politics. Two of Mrs. Harrison's brothers, Edward and Elmer Frank, died young, the former at three and the latter at ten years. Three other children, Eva, Frank E. and Edith, all died within a single week, stricken with diphtheria. Mrs. Harrison is now the only living member of her immediate family. In politics Mr. Harrison is a republican.

John Brown. The people of Milan Township frequently refer to John Brown as "a fine old Scotchman" and his residence in that community for more than forty years has been productive of nothing but good. Upon the typical Scotch characteristics of thrift, candor and intelligence, he has gained by training the habits and morals of the industrious and upright business man, and possesses something akin to genius in the handling of a mechanical industry.

By occupation he is both a farmer and a wool carder. His home is not far from the Village of Milan and on the Ruggles Hill road. There he has lived since 1873, in which year he bought a yarn factory and spinning rolls for hand spinning. Business was largely carried on with somewhat primitive machinery and with little organization in the industry at that time, but many changes have since intervened, including great business organizations known as trusts, and for some years Mr. Brown has confined his business to the carding of wool for comforters filling. Around his little plant he has an excellent farm of forty-two acres, well improved with substantial buildings. His home is an eight-room house. He also owns some property on the Huron River near Milan, in the locality where his first woolen mills were located for some years. The high waters made it impossible to conduct his factory with water power, and he finally removed as much of the machinery as was needed to his farm half a mile distant.

A little more than seventy years ago, on June 2, 1845, John Brown was born on the east coast of Scotland near the North Sea. He came of an old line of Scotch ancestry. His parents were James and Isabella (Gray) Brown, who were also natives of Aberdeenshire and grew up and married and followed the vocation of farmers in that locality. The father died there in 1847 when only twenty-nine years of age. His widow subsequently married James Laws. With their children they came to the United States and to Erie County, and Mr. and Mrs. Laws spent the rest of their years in Oxford Township, where she died at the age of seventy-three, surviving by two years Mr. Laws, who passed away when nearly three score and ten. There were two sons reared to maturity by Mr. and Mrs. Laws, while John Brown was the third in a

John Brown

family of four sons. All members of the family were strict Presbyterians. Mr. Brown's oldest brother Alexander lived for a number of years at Sandusky and died at North Attica, Ohio, where he left sons and daughters surviving him. The second of the family was James Brown, Jr., who is now a farmer in Huron County, Ohio, near Fairfield, and has several sons and daughters. The youngest, David, has a small store for miscellaneous wares in Sandusky, and is also married and head of a family.

For the first twenty years of his life John Brown lived in his native shire in Scotland. He received a good training in the local schools, and applied himself to a rigid apprenticeship in the trades of weaver and wool carder. He was twenty years of age when in 1865 he came to the United States, and in a few days after landing at New York reached Sandusky. His first employment there was in a large woolen mill, but a few years later he ventured his capital in an independent enterprise in Milan Township, and now for more than forty years has operated one of the few woolen factories in Northern Ohio.

Mr. Brown was married in Milan Township to Miss Eliza Breimaier. She was born near Sandusky of German parents who were substantial farming people. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have a family of six children. Ernest J., who was born and reared and educated in Milan Township, is now in the clerical department of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Garrett, Indiana, and he and his wife Inez have a son, Berwyn E. James, the next oldest, is still unmarried and has charge of his father's farm. Earle, the next, died at the home of his parents June 20, 1915, having been well educated and having before him at the time of his death a promising future. Henry lives at home and is associated with his brother James in running the farm, and gained his education in the local high school. Elsie graduated from the Milan High School and is still at home. Dorothy is a student in the Lakeside Hospital at Cleveland and will soon complete her course of training for a graduate nurse. All the family are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Brown is an elder, and he and his sons are republicans. Besides his own business Mr. Brown was formerly a member of the local school board in his home district, serving thereon for a number of years.

Loren Washburn. Few Erie County families have been more closely identified with the agricultural activities and the good citizenship of the county than that of Washburn, represented by Loren J. Washburn, whose valuable and productive farmstead is regarded as a model of its kind and is in Vermilion Township. Mr. Washburn was born on the very farm that he now occupies, and representatives of two preceding generations have lived in the county, beginning with the pioneer times. It is now almost a century since the Washburns cultivated their first acres in this county.

Did space permit, a very interesting descriptive article might be written concerning the farm and the farming activities of Loren Washburn. His place is located on Harmony Ridge Road, half a mile west of Axtel, and at that place, more than sixty years ago, on August 5, 1853, he was born. There have been few changes in the outward circumstances of his life since he was born, since he has always lived in one locality, but in that progressive change and evolution which are the essence of advancement in every industry he has more than kept step with the times. The old homestead which he owns and occupies contains 117½ acres of land. Nearly all of it is under a high state of cultivation. One of the features that give the farm special value is the five acre peach orchard containing 700 trees besides 160 cherry

trees and a large number of apple trees. The farm house is substantial, attractive and comfortable, containing nine rooms. However, people far and wide have come to admire and examine Mr. Washburn's barn, which is without doubt one of the finest and best equipped in the county. It is quite new, and its timbers were sawed out of trees that for the most part grew on the Washburn farm. It is built on a foundation 40x84 feet, with sixteen foot posts, and with an arch roof. The entire foundation floor in laid with concrete. A great many mechanical devices and arrangements have been supplied to permit the easiest and most economical handling of live stock, feeding and storage. There are stalls for twenty-five head of cattle with stanchions, and nine stalls including four box stalls, for horses. The sewerage and drainage arrangement is practically perfect. As a barn it measures up to the highest standard on the points of convenient arrangement, sanitation and adaptability for its main purposes. In the way of livestock Mr. Washburn keeps nine head of horses, milks ten cows on the average, and keeps from fifteen to twenty head of feeding cattle. He also has twenty-five head of hogs, though at times this number is much larger. Nearly all the feed needed for this stock is raised on his own farm, and he runs his cultivation and cropping and entire farm management on a system that serves to retain the utmost vitality and fertility of the soil.

The founder of this branch of the Washburn family in Northern Ohio was his grandfather, Amison Washburn, who was of an old New England family. After their marriage they came west to Ohio, almost a century Amison served as a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and after the war spent the rest of his days in Connecticut. Amison Washburn married Sally Whitney, who was also a native of Connecticut, and of an old family. After their marriage they came West to Ohio, almost a century ago, during 1817-18. They made the journey largely across country, since the Erie Canal had not yet been opened to traffic. Arriving here in the midst of the wilderness, from which the Indians had hardly departed, they secured a tract of wild and unbroken fire land in Vermilion township. Their first home was the typical log cabin, surrounded by the dense forest. Near the house, Amison Washburn who was a blacksmith by trade, set up a small smithy, put in his forge and for a number of years did a valuable service to the community. His neighbors brought to his shop the oxen used for work purposes and had them shod, and he also fashioned many of the simple implements used in farm husbandry at that time and did much repair work. He was a good workman, sturdy, honest, sober and industrious, and lived a life in keeping with the best principles. The grandmother died a short time before the Civil war, when past fourscore years of age, while the grandfather was ninety-two years old when death came to him. Both belonged to sturdy and long lived stock. They were devout Christian people, and it is said that never a meal was eaten at that table which was not preceded by the saying of grace. In their family were the following children: David died at a good old age, leaving several children. James was a soldier in the Civil war, was wounded in the battle of Chickamauga, and died not long afterward; he left a wife. Charles died when a very old man and reared one or two children. Betsey married James Mordoff, and both were quite old when they passed away, leaving two sons and two daughters. Benjamin S., the fifth child, became the father of Loren. Delphi married John Harrison, they lived to advanced years and left a family. Marietta married a Mr. Buttler, and she was also old when she died. Amison, Jr., died in 1912 at the age of eighty-six, being the youngest of the children and the last to pass away; he also left descendants.

Benjamin S. Washburn was born on the old homestead in Vermilion

Township in 1820. That was the scene in which he spent his childhood and early youth, and after reaching his majority he took a full share in the development of a generous tract of land. He possessed and exemplified many of the fine qualities which had characterized his honored father before him. His death occurred in 1896. In his early years he voted the whig ticket, later was a loyal republican, but in the very last year of his life gave his support to William J. Bryan for president. He was a Christian man, and in every relationship endeavored to practice the Golden Rule.

While serving as assistant in a ward in the State Hospital at Columbus, Benjamin S. Washburn married Miss Sarah Brubeck, better known as Sally, who was filling a similar position in the same hospital. She was born in Columbus in 1823, and her parents were natives of Germany, where they married, and after coming to the United States settled in Columbus, where they spent the rest of their lives. The Brubecks were members of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Benjamin S. Washburn died at her home in Vermilion township in 1908. The children born to this worthy couple were as follows: Isabel L., Luther A. (died aged nine years), Loren, Anna E., Alice C. and Cleora L. Mrs. Washburn, like her husband was a faithful devoted Christian, from principle rather than from creed, and they practiced kindliness and charity not only from a sense of duty but from the very promptings of their nature. These good old people are laid side by side along with other members of the Washburn family, including grandfather Amison and wife, in the Vermilion Cemetery.

In passing something should be said concerning this Vermilion cemetery. It was started in 1822. Grandfather Amison Washburn had the care and superintendence of the grounds as sexton during his lifetime and was then succeeded by his son Benjamin, and the latter by his son Loren, who was sexton for twenty-five years. For more than eighty years this little city of the dead was looked after by members of one family, and beautiful and well kept grounds are largely an expression of the work and care given by this family. The first burial in the cemetery was a boy named Beardsley, who was laid to rest in 1822, the same year the ground was set aside for burial purposes.

On November 24, 1876, Loren J. Washburn was married in Florence Township to Miss Jennie Blair. She was born in that township in 1855 and passed away October 24, 1914. All her life was spent in Vermilion and Florence townships, and she was a woman of many graces of character and heart and mind, and devoted to her home, her children and her friends. Three sons remain to do honor to her memory. Orma Luther, born in 1877, was educated in the local public schools and at Norwalk, and for a number of years has been employed as an engineer on lake vessels and is now first engineer on a passenger and merchandise boat; however, he makes his home on his farm at Furnace Corners in Vermilion Township. He married for his first wife Anna Baker, who left his home after the birth of one son Lyles. His present wife was before her marriage Sophia Trinter. Ray B., the second son, is still at home. He was well educated in the public schools, is a graduate of Oberlin Business College and has proved a very valuable assistant to his father in the management of the fine farm already described. In addition to his farm work he is agent for the Walter A. Wood farm machinery and the Ross silos, and has sold a large amount of such material in Erie County. The youngest son, Karl N. is an enterprising young farmer, has a place near the old homestead and has made an excellent start in life. He married Cora Brown of Vermilion Township, and they have a small son named Clifford. Mr. Washburn and his sons are all republican voters.

Russell Kenney Ramsey. In the minds of men of the Middle West, the name of the prosperous, cultured old Buckeye State is associated with broad mentality, inherent courtesy and genial sociability. These qualities have been possessed by the men who have come from Ohio to gain reputations in business, the professions and public life, in such great degree that they have come to be considered characteristic. Russell Kenney Ramsey, of Sandusky, may be considered a typical Ohioan, in that he is possessed of gifts of a high mental character, and is known not only as one of the leaders of the Erie County bar, but as a courteous and cultured gentleman, popular alike in professional and social circles.

Mr. Ramsey was born in the City of Columbus, Ohio, May 27, 1878, and is a son of G. F. and Margaret A. Ramsey. His father, who still resides at Columbus, has for forty-two years been connected in an official capacity with the Pennsylvania Railroad. The elder of two children, Russell K. Ramsey received his early education in the public schools of Columbus, following which he entered the Ohio State University, collegiate department, class of 1898, and was graduated from the legal department of that institution in the class of 1900. He then entered the law offices of Arnold & Morton, at Columbus, where he remained for a short period to gain practical experience, and during the same year was admitted to the bar. At that time Mr. Ramsey came to Sandusky and associated himself with the firm of King & Guerin, although the name was not changed until the withdrawal of Mr. Guerin, in 1904, when Judge Edmund B. King and Mr. Ramsey formed the present firm of King & Ramsey. This firm specializes in corporation and business law, and represents largely the corporate interests in and around Sandusky, including the New York Central, the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore and Ohio railroads and the street car company. Through his able gifts as a legist and his sound, popular traits as a man Mr. Ramsey has continued in his progress both in the development of a profitable legal business and a professional reputation. He is a director of The Hinde & Dauch Paper Company, and has been instrumental in the organization of a number of Sandusky's important enterprises. He is a valued member of the Ohio Bar Association and while he devotes almost his entire time and attention to the duties of his constantly growing practice yet he is not indifferent to the pleasures of fraternal and social life, and is a prominent Mason, being a Knight Templar and having attained the thirty-second degree. He is a member of the Sunyendeand Club, of Sandusky, of which he was formerly president, of the Cleveland Athletic Club and of the Business Men's Association of Sandusky. A member of the Episcopal Church, he has acted in the capacity of vestryman during the past year.

Mr. Ramsey was married September 25, 1901, to Miss Florence Samuel, and one child was born to that union: Russell Archibald, born May 11, 1904. Mrs. Ramsey died in April, 1913, and Mr. Ramsey was married again, June 26, 1915, being united with Miss Helen Wilcox, a daughter of Maj. C. B. Wilcox, one of Sandusky's well known citizens.

Henry Ackerman. To mention the name Ackerman in Vermilion Township is to name one of the oldest and best known of the substantial German families, who since the early days have been primary factors in the development of this section of Erie County. Henry Ackerman has a fine farm home in that township, on rural route No. 2 out of Huron.

Born in Black River Township of Lorain County in December, 1862, he is a son of Frederick and Anna E. (Kothe) Ackerman. His parents were both born in Kurhessen, Germany, and came as young people to

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America. He was a young man when he came over in 1849 on a sailing vessel that required six weeks to make the voyage, and going to Amhurst in Lorain County he met and married Miss Kothe, who had come from the same locality of Germany with her parents, Louis and Mary Kothe. Louis Kothe settled on a farm in Lorain County and spent the rest of his life there. Miss Kothe was reared in Lorain County, and after her marriage to Mr. Ackerman they started out as farmers first in Lorain Township and afterwards for four years in Brownhelm Township. They then moved to Erie County, establishing their home on the lake shore in Vermilion Township, where they became owners of 137 acres of fine land. They did much to make this land valuable, working hard, often denying themselves in order that their children and home might benefit, and in time they had surrounded themselves with every comfort and facility. Frederick Ackerman died there on March 22, 1881, at the age of forty-four. His widow subsequently married Godfreid Nolte, and she continued to live at the old homestead until her death on September 3, 1914. Mr. Nolte is still living on the old farm along the lake shore, and is now sixty-eight years of age. He is a democrat and a member of the Reformed Church. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ackerman were among the charter members of the German Reformed Church or the Ceylon Church in Vermilion Township. Besides the Ackermans other charter members were Mr. and Mrs. John Reiber, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Knott, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Adams Hast, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Bernhart Koch, Mr. and Mrs. George Knoch, Mr. and Mrs. Werner Kishman, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Hauff, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Knittel, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wenzel, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ackerman, Mr. and Mrs. George Schaub, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Huttenlocker, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bickel. Frederick Ackerman was also a man of no little prominence in his community. He served for a number of years as township trustee of Vermilion Township, and was a man whose influence could be counted upon steadily to assist in every movement for the local welfare.

Henry Ackerman, who was the oldest of four sons and three daughters, Henry, Bertha, Carrie, Louis, Martin, William and Catherine, all of whom are now married. He was still a small boy when he came to Vermilion Township, and he grew up there and acquired his education in the public schools. When quite young he set out on his own account and not many years later was able to buy the farm where he now lives, a beautiful place of fifty-five acres, all highly improved, and productive of regular and bountiful crops. Among other improvements he has a large barn on a foundation 30x74 feet, furnishing ample facilities for grain storage and stock. His home is an attractive twelve-room residence, situated within a mile of Mittewanga Park, in which neighborhood his wife owns some valuable property.

Mr. Ackerman married a neighbor girl, Catherine Reiber, who was born on the old Reiber homestead in Vermilion Township January 24, 1868, and was reared and educated in that community. She has been a most capable home maker, and has always looked well after the duties of her household. She is a daughter of John and Catherine (Gundlach) Reiber. Both her parents were born in Kurhessen, Germany. They came when young people, Miss Gundlach only ten years of age, to America, making the voyage by sailing vesel between Bremen and New York, and their respective families established homes in Milan Township of Erie County. Here they met and married and after marriage Mr. and Mrs. Reiber worked industriously and by much labor and self denial acquired a good home and reared their children in comfort. They located in Vermilion Township in 1867, and the Reiber homestead in time was a fine improved estate of sixty acres, known as the Brundage Farm, and still later they bought a fine home of fifty acres on the lake

shore. This Mr. Reiber improved with a fine lot of buildings and there he passed away August 14, 1901, at the age of sixty-five. His widow is still living, and on June 6, 1915, celebrated her seventieth birthday. As already stated, she and her husband were charter members of the Ceylon German Reformed Church, in which he held the post of trustee for a number of years. They had the following children: Bertha, Catherine, John H., Mary, Elizabeth, Tena, Carl, Anna (deceased).

Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman are leading people in all the activities of their home community. They attend and support the Reformed Church at Mittewanga, in which he has served for a number of years as trustee, and in politics he is one of the leading democrats of the community, being now township central committeeman. He also served as township assessor and one term as township trustee.

Philip E. Gegenheimer. Many of the best farms in Erie County are the product of the labor and enterprise of thrifty German settlers. One homestead that well exemplifies the characteristic German thrift is the Gegenheimer home in Vermilion Township, located on rural route No. 1 out of the Village of Vermilion. For nearly half a century the late Philip E. Gegenheimer dug and delved, plowed and cultivated, removed the native timber, drained the lowlands, built fences, farm and domestic buildings, and in every possible way improved the land which he got in almost a completely wild state. The results of his labors are now enjoyed and made use of by his widow and children. His son William J. is the active manager of the old homestead, and has a place of his own nearby, and combines the cultivation and management of the two farms in a very capable and successful manner.

The late Philip E. Gegenheimer was born in Baden, Germany, July 20, 1838, and died at the old home in Vermilion Township, December 17, 1898. He was twenty years of age when in 1858 he came on a sailing vessel across the ocean, landed in New York City after a tedious voyage of many days, and a few weeks later he joined his parents who had emigrated some time before and located in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County. His father died in Lorain County when past eighty years of age, having followed farming all his life. The mother died at Ceylon Junction in 1865, at the age of sixty- two. Both were members of the German Reformed Church. Philip Gegenheimer was one of eight children, five sons and three daughters. Two of the sons, Charles W. and August, are still living, and both are married, the former in Lorain County and the latter in Portland, Indiana.

While living in Germany Philip E. Gegenheimer received his education and was also trained in those habits of industry and strict honesty which were his marked characteristics throughout life. After coming to this country he lived a few years in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County. In that county in 1864 he married Miss Catherine Miller. She was born in Rhenish Bavaria, Germany, December 17, 1847, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Baker) Miller, her father a native of West Prussia and her mother of Rhenish Bavaria. Her parents were married in the latter province, and their first children were born there. In March, 1859, the Miller family set sail from Bremen and after a voyage of many hardships lasting for forty-two days they landed in New York. The long voyage and the stale food nearly killed Mr. Miller, but he recovered and was long known as one of the prosperous citizens of this part of Ohio. The Miller family first located at Elyria, but a few years later bought a new home and started improving the land. This property was lost on account of a defective title and the family then moved to the vicinity of Amherst, Lorain County, where Mr. Miller set up a small shop and began his trade as blacksmith, which he had learned in Ger-

many. That was his work for a great many years, and he passed away December 5, 1910, being then in very advanced age, since he was born February 11, 1821. He was a confirmed member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. His parents were Jacob and Catherine (Koch) Miller, who also came to the United States, when in advanced years, and died in Amherst Township of Lorain County, Jacob when at the extreme age of ninety-five. The mother of Mrs. Gegenheimer died at the Gegenheimer home in Vermilion township when also well along in years. Mrs. Gegenheimer has two sisters and a brother: Mrs. Libbie Schroder, wife of Gustav Schroder, of Erie County; Margaret, widow of Ed Passow, and living in Colorado, the mother of two daughters and a son, and Adam Miller, who has lost his wife and lives with his children in Amherst.

It was fully half a century ago that the late Philip E. Gegenheimer bought the farm of sixty-five acres where his widow now lives. He not only cleared it up for cultivation, but erected the substantial buildings which still stand there. Mr. Gegenheimer was a democrat in national politics, but in local matters voted for the man best suited for the office to be filled, and his sons have followed the same political choice. The family are all members of the Reformed Church. The children are: Fred, who is unmarried and lives at home; Sarah, widow of Simon Steffen, and the mother of one daughter, Anna E., now a student of medicine in Boston; Emma, wife of Charles Blair, a farmer in Florence Township, and they have children named Waldo, Merwin and Elton, all in school; and William J., who has already been mentioned as the enterprising young manager of the old homestead farm. William was educated in the local schools, grew up on the homestead, and has identified himself in very successful manner with Erie County agricultural affairs. He married Olive C. Allen of Cuyahoga County, and they have a bright young daughter, Mildred C., now four years of age.

Frank C. Barnes. For many years of his active career Mr. Barnes was in the Nickel Plate Railway service, but his best success has been as a farmer and fruit grower, and he now enjoys the comforts and the revenues of an attractive place in Vermilion Township on rural route No. 2 out of Huron.

He was born in Huron County, Ohio, May 16, 1850. His father was also named Frank and likewise that was the name of his grandfather. Both his father and grandfather were natives of England and of old English stock. The grandfather was a farmer, and spent all his life in his native shire, and died when past seventy years of age, having survived his wife several years. Frank Barnes, the father, was born in England about 1805. He learned the trade of butcher and followed it for a number of years. The "steel" which he used at his trade is now owned by his son, Frank C. He married Ann Libbett of the same town. He then became a farmer on a large English estate, and while living there the following children were born: John, William, Joseph and Mary Ann. Mary Ann was born in 1845, and in the following year when she was still an infant in her mother's arms the little family embarked on a sailing vessel that was pursued by all the vagaries of wind and weather, and after a very stormy voyage landed in New York City six weeks from England. During the passage Frank Barnes, the father, had the care of two big lions and a valuable horse for Mr. Van Amberg, the noted show man of a former generation. Mr. Barnes and the lions got on very friendly terms, and the male showed an especial fondness for his temporary keeper. Years afterwards when Mr. Barnes visited the Van Amberg circus the old lion recognized him at once and they shook hands through the bars of the cage.

On landing at New York City Mr. Barnes gave up his charge and accompanied his family to Monroeville in Huron County. Here he earned a living for a time as an employe in a brewery. Later he went to a farm in Huron County, and for a number of years owned a small piece of land there. From there he moved to Berlin Township in Erie County, acquired a farm north of Berlin Heights, and on that he lived out the rest of his honest and industrious career, dying when past seventy-two years of age. His widow died four years later, and was about three score ten years of age. The children born to them after they came to the United States were: Betsy, who died leaving one son, David; Garner, who is married and lives in Berlin Heights and has a son and two daughters; and Frank C., the youngest of the family.

The latter lived at home, enjoyed its comforts, and attended school until thirteen. Since then he has been dependent on his own resources. He has never been at a loss for an occupation, and has been steadily progressing toward a more substantial prosperity. For twenty-one years he was in the service of the Nickel Plate Railroad, in different departments, part of the time in section work and he also looked after the rolling stock of the road to some extent. Finally leaving the railroad service he bought a small farm at Joppa Corners in Vermilion Township, and here he has since thriftily pursued his vocation as a farmer and fruit grower. Under his management his farm has returned him steady profits, and his neighbors regard him as well fixed in life and also look upon him as an honest Christian gentleman.

In Hudson, Michigan, Mr. Barnes married Miss Sarah Barnes, a cousin. She was born, reared and educated in Evansville, Indiana, a daughter of John Barnes, who was born in England and was a brother of the Frank Barnes already mentioned. After coming to America he took some extensive contracts in building canals. He married Sarah Ballou, who was born in Missouri. Both parents died a number of years ago.

Mrs. Barnes died January 16, 1908, at the age of fifty-three. She was the mother of five children: Vora, wife of Ed Larcher of Milan Township; Charles, who died at the age of eleven years; Maude, wife of Henry Baker of Ogontz, Berlin Township; Callie L., who lives at home; and Frank, who is a mechanic living at Elyria, Ohio.

Sherman E. Shoop. By hard and successful work as a farmer, by good citizenship, by an influence steadily directed towards the betterment of his own family and the community in which he lives, Sherman E. Shoop has played a worthy part in Vermilion Township, where he has spent practically his entire lifetime.

The old Shoop homestead in which he was born November 21, 1869, is located on the Joppa Road in Vermilion Township. He grew up in those surroundings, received his education in the public schools, and has spent all his life in Erie County with the exception of the two years from 1884 to 1886 when he was west in Iowa and Nebraska. Mr. Shoop has a fine farm of 108 acres much of it devoted to general farming purposes, but its special feature is the large vineyard of ten or fifteen acres. Its principal varieties are the Delawares and Ives. The grapes from the Shoop vineyard will meet the highest standards of viticulture along the Lake Erie shore, being particularly esteemed for their fine flavor and the large amount of sugar they contain. Mr. Shoop also has a pear orchard of 150 trees and a number of peach trees. Since he took possession of this land he has improved it in many ways, particularly in the way of buildings, has barns and sheds for his stock, grain and fruit, and has remodeled his home into a very comfortable and attractive

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eight-room residence. He is one of the practical fruit growers on the southern shore of Lake Erie.

Mr. Shoop was a very small boy when his grandparents died and he has only few memories of those worthy people, who were of Pennsylvania nativity. Mr. Shoop himself is a son of George and Sarah (Driver) Shoop, both of whom were born in Erie County and after their marriage located on what became known as the Shoop homestead on the Joppa Road. There George Shoop died March 21, 1882, at the age of forty-seven. His widow is still living, and on February 26, 1915, she celebrated her eighty-third birthday. She is now quite enfeebled with years, and she lives in the home of her son Sherman.

Sherman E. Shoop is the youngest of the three sons, all of whom are married and have homes of their own. Alvin lives at Joppa Corners in Erie County, while Simon lives in Missouri. Sherman E. Shoop was married at Joppa to Miss Della L. Driver. She was born in the State of Indiana, but when nine years of age came to Erie County and lived with her parents until her marriage. Her parents were Enoch and Amarilla (Minkler) Driver, both natives of Maryland and of English ancestry. They came as young people to Indiana and some years after their marriage moved to Ohio and settled in Vermilion Township of Erie County. Mr. Driver died there and his widow is now a third time a widow and is living with her children in the State of Washington, being about sixty-four years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Shoop have two children. Grant Dewey, born October 2, 1899, finished the course of the eighth grade in the public schools in 1914 and is now assisting his father on the farm and in the vineyard. Myron was born March 16, 1911. In politics Mr. Shoop is a democrat, and is serving as a member of the school board.

Andrew E. Beeckel. Successfully established in business at Vermilion as a dealer in furniture and as a funeral director, Mr. Beeckel is a scion of one of the sterling pioneer families of Erie County, though he himself is a native of the State of Michigan. He is one of the representative business men and influential citizens of Vermilion, where he has served continuously as a member of the board of education since 1907 and where he is now serving his fourth consecutive year as president of the board, besides which his civic loyalty is manifest in other directions also, especially through his active membership in the fire department of the thriving and vital little city.

Mr. Beeckel was born in Lenawee County, Michigan, on the 21st of October, 1870, and is a son of John and Catherine (Laubach) Beeckel, both of whom were born and reared in Erie County, Ohio, where their respective parents settled in the pioneer days, John Beeckel, Sr., grandfather of the subject of this review, having been one of the pioneer farmers in Milan Township and having emigrated to Ohio from his German fatherland.

John Beeckel, Jr., father of him to whom this sketch is dedicated, passed the closing period of his life in Michigan, where he died in the year 1876, when his son Andrew E. was a child of five years, the latter having been but nine years old when he accompanied his widowed mother on her return to her old home in Erie County. Here she established her residence at Vermilion, where she has passed the long intervening years and where Andrew E. was reared to maturity, his educational advantages having been those afforded in the public schools of the village in which he is now serving most efficiently as president of the board of education. The mother of Mr. Beeckel celebrated her seventy-first birthday anniversary in 1915 and is one of the revered pioneer women of Erie County.

From the early age of fourteen years Mr. Beeckel has been virtually dependent upon his own resources, and that he has made the passing years count well in achievement and worthy service on his part needs no further voucher than his standing as a business man and as an honored and popular citizen of the county which has represented his home from his boyhood days. From a position of minor order in connection with business activities in Vermilion Mr. Beeckel made advancement through fidelity and effective service until he was able to initiate an independent business career. For eight years he was here one of the interested principals in the George Fischer Lumber Company, and in 1904 he sold his interest in the business of this corporation and established himself in business as an undertaker and as a dealer in furniture, both departments of his business being maintained at the best modern standard and his reputation as a thorough and straightforward business man constituting his best commercial asset.

Mr. Beeckel is essentially and vitally progressive and public-spirited, and his fellow citizens have had full appreciation of his eligibility for positions of distinctive trust, as evidenced by the fact that he is at the present time serving as treasurer of Vermilion Township and also as treasurer of the public schools of this township, of which latter office he has been the valued incumbent for several years. Since 1909 he has held also the office of clerk of the board of public affairs of the Village of Vermilion, and none could have been more earnest and liberal than he has been during his incumbency of the position of the office of president of the Vermilion Board of Education. In national and state politics he gives support to the cause of the democratic party, but in local affairs he is not constrained by strict partisan lines. He and his wife hold membership in the local Congregational Church and he is serving as a trustee of the same. In the volunteer fire department of Vermilion he has held various offices and has been active and influential in making the work and service effective. In a fraternal way Mr. Beeckel is affiliated with Ely Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, as well as with the local organizations of the Knights of the Maccabees and the Modern Woodmen of America, the while he and his family are popular factors in the representative social activities of the community.

Mr. Beeckel married Miss Jennie Versoy, who was born in the City of Newark, New Jersey, and of their three children the first born, Myron E., is deceased, the two surviving children being Nelson A. and M. Lois.

Almon J. Lee. Representing the fine old American stock that first peopled and settled this section of Northern Ohio, Almon J. Lee has for many years applied himself successfully to his chosen work as a farmer in Vermilion Township. With farming he has combined fruit growing. His work, thrift and industry have been well rewarded. His name is always spoken with due respect in the community where he spent most of his life, and his accomplishment and those of other members of the family well justify that this record should be printed in permanent form.

The Lee family came originally from Maryland. Mr. Lee's grandfather, Henry A. Lee, was born in the City of Baltimore, and was married there to Polly Driver. The children born to them in Baltimore were John, James and Thomas. Then in 1841 this little family set out upon the long journey to a new home in Ohio. They were people in modest circumstances, and all their worldly possessions were stowed upon a wagon drawn by a single horse. They went along the highways day after day before reaching their destination, and camped out by the wayside. On arriving in Vermilion Township they selected a place along the Joppa Road, and there in the wilderness they exchanged their temporary abode in the wagon for the comforts and privations of a log cabin home. Year

after year they worked industriously in improving the land and constituting for themselves and their children a better home, and both grandparents lived to a good old age. They were members of the Methodist Church, while the grandfather was a republican. Of their three sons all grew up and married, and the only one now living is Thomas, whose home is in Berlin Heights. He is seventy-six years of age, he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church and in politics he is a republican.

John Lee, father of Almon J., and the oldest of the three sons was born in Baltimore City January 9, 1839, and died at his home on the Joppa Road March 20, 1913. He was very young when the family came to Erie County and received his education in some of the old time schools. For his vocation he applied himself to general farming and grape growing, and well deserved the comfortable success he enjoyed. He finally changed from the republican party, with which he had early affiliated, to the democrats. For his first wife he married, in Vermilion Township, Sarah Ann Johnson. She was born in Pennsylvania about 1835, and was still a child when brought to Erie County by her parents. She was only about twenty-two years of age when she died, and her son Almon at that time, her first and only born, was one year of age. Mr. John Lee married for his second wife Miss Harriet Merriman, who was born in Ohio, her father being a Methodist minister and consequently living in many different localities while Mrs. Lee was growing to womanhood. She is still living on the old homestead east of Joppa Corners, and is now past sixty-eight years of age. She has been a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and Mr. John Lee was of the same faith.

Almon J. Lee was born December 21, 1856. As a boy he attended the local schools, and after his marriage he made his home for a number of years in the villages of Berlin Heights and Vermilion. He has now been identified for a long time with the community at Ashmont in Vermilion Township, and his home is on the Joppa Road. Mr. Lee as the result of many years of steady industry has accumulated seventy acres of good farm land. Of this he has nine acres in fruit, and has a very attractive and prosperous looking home. He and his family reside in an eleven-room residence situated in the midst of a large lawn, and surrounded by various farms and outbuildings.

On Hill street in Vermilion Township Mr. Lee married Miss Rozella Hill. She was born in the house that still stands on the old Hill farm December 28, 1862, and has spent practically all her life in Erie County. Her parents were John W. and Charlotte (Swartwood) Hill, both natives of Ohio. They were reared in Vermilion Township and were married there. The grandfather of Mrs. Lee was David Hill, who came in the early days to Florence Township and secured a large tract of land, improved much of it, and his instrumentality in laying out Hill Street or Hill Road caused that thoroughfare to be named in his honor. David Hill and wife both died in Erie County when old people, and John W. Hill and wife were likewise full of years when called to their final reward. John W. Hill was one of the well known and successful farmers of Florence Township, was a republican in politics, and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee naturally take much pride in their children, several of whom have already assumed the serious responsibilities of the world and are making good. The oldest, Vedah A., is the wife of Arthur Heys, and they live in Elyria and have a son Floyd. Elgia L., who runs a market in Rocky River, Ohio, married Elsie Kitson and has three children named Gilbert K., Evelyn and Grace E. Walter H. is showing a great deal of executive and administrative ability in assisting his father run the farm, and like the other children completed a good edu-

cation in the local common schools and high school. The daughter Helen, the youngest, is still at home and a student in the local schools. Mr. Lee and his sons are republicans in politics and since he was twenty-one years of age he has been a Mason and is at present a member of Ely Lodge, No. 424, F. & A. M., has filled several of the chairs and his son Walter is also affiliated with the same body of Masons.

Orra G. Jump. It is the ambition of every man to make his work and ability count for something in the world. The world's work is carried on by a great multitude of individuals and there is a place and responsibility for everyone who has the proper sense of duty, and is willing to serve himself best by serving others. One of the men of Erie County who has accepted these opportunities with good grace and is now performing a worthy part is Orra G. Jump, who combines his business as a railroad station agent and telegraph operator with fruit growing and farming. In farming he is particularly assisted by his son, now a very capable young man, only recently having turned his majority.

Very close to where he now lives on Joppa Road in Vermilion Township, Orra G. Jump was born August 9, 1869. He has spent nearly all his life in this county and in 1892 he accepted a place on the payroll of the Nickel Plate Railway as telegraph operator at Florence Siding. In 1899 he took up his duties as agent and operator at Shin Rock, when that was made a station on the Nickel Plate road. He has been a faithful employee of the Nickel Plate system for twenty-three years. In 1902 he bought from his father twenty-five acres where he now lives at Ashmont on the Joppa Road in Vermilion Township. Since then he has carried forward many improvements. One of these was the construction of a good barn, 20x30 feet, and one special feature of his farm is an excellent vineyard of two acres. From this he has gathered as high as seven tons of grapes. The soil is especially adapted to grape growing of the finest quality and quantity. He also owns twenty-four acres just across the road from his homestead and has two acres of that set in apples.

This is a family that has long been identified with this section of Northern Ohio. His grandfather, Ira Jump, was of New York State and Connecticut lineage. He married Sarah Dann, and for some years they lived on Long Island where some of their children were born. During the decade of the '30s they came west to Ohio and located on a new farm on the Joppa Road in Vermilion Township. Here the grandparents spent the rest of their days, as quiet, industrious and honored citizens. The grandmother passed away when about seventy and the grandfather at the age of eighty-four. In politics he was a republican. Some of their children are still living. Lorenzo is now ninety-two years of age. Other sons were Levi, Rufus E., Charles L. and Giles L. The daughter Laura A. died after her marriage to Harvey Sanders, who is also deceased, and their son Levi H. Sanders married Roxy Ann Sanders of Vermilion Township. The daughter Abigail is the widow of William Driver and she is now living in Indiana at the age of ninety. Mary is the widow of William Hobbs and lives in Indiana at the age of seventy-eight. Catherine is deceased.

Giles L. Jump, father of Orra G., was born in Vermilion Township January 7, 1845, and spent his active career as a farmer and fruit grower. He died at the old homestead February 11, 1913. He made a record as a soldier in the Civil war and served two years with the 98th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, chiefly on guard duty at Camp Chase near Columbus. Giles Jump married Mary Pickett. She was born in Maryland, March 17, 1850, and came to Erie County a young girl. She is a sister of William Pickett, a well known citizen of Erie County. Mrs

Giles Jump is now living at the home of her son Orra. Orra G. Jump has two sisters: Mrs. Bertha Crum and Mrs. Myrtle Altvater of Castalia.

In the neighborhood where he grew up Mr. Jump married Miss Nettie Bryant. She was born at Monclova in Lucas County, Ohio, September 15, 1871, a daughter of Lovinus A. and Fannie M. (Hakes) Bryant, who were both born in Ohio and were married in Paulding County, Ohio, lived for some years in Lucas County, where Mr. Bryant followed his trade as painter and later was a farmer. He died there in 1880 at the age of about forty-five. His widow passed away in Norwalk three years later aged thirty-four. Mrs. Jump was nine years of age when she came to Erie county, and since then she has made her home in this locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Jump have two living children. Bernice Ora, born January 12, 1893, was educated in the local public schools and graduated from the Vermilion High School, spent four years as a teacher, and is now a member of the class of 1916 in the old Ohio University at Athens. Wilmer L., who is a capable assistant to his father on the farm, was born July 17, 1894, and was graduated from the high school at Vermilion in 1911.

William T. Pickett. One of Vermilion Township's highly respected citizens is William T. Pickett, the owner of a farm which has considerable distinction in that township for the fine quality and variety of peaches that come from it and go to the markets each year. Mr. Pickett has lived a quiet, honorable and upright life, has worked hard, and has ample provisions for declining years.

He was born in Carroll County, Maryland, April 26, 1846, and is a son of Thomas and Matilda (Driver) Pickett, who were also natives of Carroll County, Maryland, and of old Southern stock. While the connection has not been accurately traced, it is believed that this branch of the Pickett family is not distantly related with that which gave the Southern Confederacy one of its greatest generals, the leader of the famous Pickett's charge at Gettysburg. Mr. Pickett's maternal grandfather was a Methodist minister and also a shoemaker by trade, and came to Ohio as a pioneer preacher and died in Erie County in old age. Thomas Pickett, the father, was a blacksmith, and died in Carroll County, Maryland, when in middle life. His widow with her four children then came out to Ohio and located on the shores of Lake Erie in Vermilion township. Here she married a Mr. Slocum, and they spent the rest of their lives on their farm in Vermilion township. She was eighty-four years of age when she died and Mr. Slocum was also an old man. She was for many years a Methodist, but later became a member of the Latter Day Saints. By her marriage to Mr. Slocum she had a son, Morris D. Slocum, who lives on a farm at Ogontz in Berlin Township, and is the father of three daughters, two of whom are now married. William T. Pickett was the oldest of four children. His sister Lucy died after her marriage to Andrew Date, leaving two children, Ethel, now deceased, and Clayton, who is married. Mary R. is the wife of Giles L. Jump, a farmer in Vermilion township, and their children are Ora G., Bertha, Myrtle, and Ellis. James W. is a mechanic in Elyria and has four sons named William, Guy, Harry and Carl.

Owing to family circumstances William T. Pickett has to spend much of his youth and childhood among strangers and what he has accomplished has been the direct result of his own well directed labors. When he was less than eight years of age he went to live with Mordecai Lee, on a farm near Lake Erie, and in that home he spent the rest of his youth. On reaching manhood he started out on his own account,

worked for others for a number of years, and by careful saving was finally able to buy 34½ acres of land. He made this purchase in 1875. The Pickett farm is located near Joppa Corners in Vermilion township. It is nearly all in cultivation, but the conspicuous feature of the place is the orchard of 1,000 fruit trees, including such leading varieties as the Elberta, the Bear Smock, Champion Yellow, St. John Fitzgerald, and the Salloway. This orchard yields nearly 1,000 bushels of peaches every year, and while its care and superintendence are a large responsibility upon Mr. Pickett he enjoys a corresponding profit. As he has never married he has little need for a large home, but has a house of substantial comforts, and sufficient barns and outbuildings to meet all requirements.

In politics Mr. Pickett is a democrat and for a number of years served as constable of the township. He has been strictly honest in all his dealings and has long been able to say that he owes no man a dollar.

George G. Glime. What the possibilities are of Erie County agriculture as a means of independence and profit are well illustrated by the case of George G. Glime, whose fine farm lies in Florence Township. Mr. Glime spent nearly a quarter of a century of active service as a railroad man, and was reared on a farm and since returning to country life has shown a capacity for accomplishment in that line such as few of the veterans have attained.

His birth occurred in Vermilion township of Erie County February 17, 1862. His parents, Philip and Catherine Glime, were born in Hesse Cassel, Germany, and of old German stock. They came when young people in the same vessel from Bremen to New York in the winter of 1858-59, spending six weeks on the voyage. From New York they came on to Vermilion township, and were married there in 1859 and then secured a small farm of sixteen acres in that locality. The father worked industriously and improved his land, but gained his livelihood and support for his growing family at first by employment in Leonard's stone quarry near his home, and for eight years operated a "whip saw" in making ship lumber for the vessels which were being constructed in the Vermilion shipyard. "Whipsawing" has long passed out as a feature of the industry connected with ship building, but a number of years ago it was a trade requiring special proficiency and skill, and was paid for at so much per foot. Philip Glime was able to make about $5.00 a day at that kind of labor and that was considered very high wages. In 1871 he traded the little place which he had first bought in part payment for the farm which is now owned by his son George, situated on the Lake Road one mile north of Florence Village in Florence Township, and comprising fifty-five acres. At that time the land was little improved and its buildings consisted of a small log house and a little frame dwelling. In 1879 Philip Glime moved to East Toledo, and on February 16, 1880, was accidentally killed on the Lake Shore Railroad tracks near his home. While stepping from one track to the other he was struck from behind by a rapidly moving train and instantly killed. He was then fifty-five years of age. Two months later his widow and her children returned to Florence Township and resumed their residence on the old farm, where the widowed mother died in July, 1888, at the age of sixty-five. Both parents were members of the German Reformed Church and in politics he was a democrat. There were five sons: John was accidentally killed while crossing the Lake Shore Railroad tracks at Vermilion in 1893, at the age of thirty-three, this being the second fatality of the kind in one family; the next in age is George; Henry is a farmer east of Florence Village and by his marriage to Minnie Sinningham has the following children: William, George, Lucy, Carl, Elizabeth,

C. F. Decker.

Albert, Henry, Robert and Minnie; Philip, who died at the age of thirty years, had been twice married, and there are two children of his first wife, Archie, who is now a musician in the United States Navy, and a daughter, Mrs. Stephens, whose husband is a teller in the bank at Berlin Heights; Barney is a railroad man in the West and has two children, George and Helen.

George G. Glime grew up on his father's farm, and after attending the public schools for the usual period started out in life to become a railroad man, which was the principal object of his boyhood ambition. He made good at the occupation and served altogether for twenty-five years, being in the employ of railways all the way from Ohio to San Francisco and in capacities from brakeman, switchman, yard foreman, yardmaster, to freight conductor. While at Salt Lake City in charge of a train he lost his right foot, and being thus disabled had to retire from active railroad life. He was a member of both the Brotherhood of Conductors and of Brakemen, and from the former of these orders received $5,000.00 in benefits and from the latter $1,200.00. This capital, added to his modest savings, he brought back to Erie County, the scene of his early boyhood, and bought back the old homestead, which in the meantime had passed into other ownership and was at that time owned by Paul Sackt.

While sentimental reasons may have had something to do with Mr. Glime's purchase of the old home, there are few farms in Erie County which have better repaid intelligent management and thrifty enterprise. When he bought the land it was almost worthless as a crop farm, and had seriously deteriorated under inefficient and slothful management for a number of years. He applied himself with the energy and proficiency which had become the habit of his character through his long railroad experience and in a few years had the land on a paying basis. He has cut up the farm into seventeen different lots, and has successfully pursued the rotation system of management. All these separate lots are fenced and the land is thoroughly drained into the county ditch which crosses the farm. Mr. Glime now has an excellent orchard of two acres and by intensive methods has made his land grow a hundred bushels of corn per acre, thirty bushels of wheat and about fifty bushels of oats. A part of it he keeps in pasture and meadow and each season changes his crop from one field to the next in order. He also keeps good grades of stock of different kinds and has one of the best country homes in Florence Township, a two-story ten-room house with a clean and sanitary basement, the house being heated by pipeless furnace and lighted by acetylene gas. Mr. Glime since taking possession has made his farm worth more than ten thousand dollars and in fact has invested that much either originally or in subsequent improvements. He is a very methodical and systematic man and besides his individual prosperity his example is worth a great deal to the community.

He was married in Berlin Heights to Elizabeth (Fox) Hine, widow of Norman Hine and a sister of Peter Fox of Milan. Mrs. Hine was born, reared and educated at Milan, and by her first marriage has two children: Wilbur F. Hine, who is now twenty years of age and living at home; and Theoficia. Mr. Glime is a republican in politics.

Charles F. Decker. The thriving little City of Vermilion, Erie County, claims as one of its progressive and representative business men the well known citizen whose name appears above and who here conducts a substantial business as a dealer in coal and building supplies, further interest attaching to his career by reason of his being a native of Erie County, with whose history the family name has been closely and

worthily identified with civic and business activities in Vermilion for more than half a century.

Mr. Decker was born at Vermilion on the 9th of November, 1862, and is a son of Christopher F. and Eve (Beal) Decker, both of whom were born in Germany and both of whom were honored pioneer citizens of Vermilion at the time of their death, each having attained to the venerable age of eighty-seven years. Christopher F. Decker was one of the early settlers of Vermilion, which was a mere pioneer village at the time when he here established his home, and for more than fifty years he was here engaged in the manufacturing of wagons and carriages, known as a skilled mechanic, reliable and enterprising business man and loyal citizen of steadfast integrity and marked civic enterprise. He was a stalwart republican in politics and both he and his wife were zealous and influential members of the German Methodist Episcopal Church in Vermilion for many years prior to their death, their names and memories being held in lasting honor in the community that so long represented their home.

Charles F. Decker was reared to maturity in Vermilion and to its public schools he is indebted for his early educational discipline, which has been most effectively supplemented by the lessons that the man of wisdom is ever able to acquire in the benignant school of practical experience. He has been actively identified with his present line of business enterprise since 1885, and thus is to be considered as one of the veteran business men of his native city, the while his well directed activities have brought to him substantial and well merited success, besides which he has so lived and wrought as to receive the high regard of all who know him, his circle of friends in his native county being limited only by that of his acquaintances.

Mr. Decker has always shown deep and loyal interest in all that touches the social and material welfare of his native city and county, has been unflagging in his advocacy of the cause of the republican party, has served one term as a member of the city council of Vermilion, and one term, of two years, as a member of the municipal board of public affairs. Though he is a stalwart republican in state and national affairs, he transcends partisan lines in the local field, where no generic issues are involved, and gives support to men and measures meeting the approval of his judgment. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, with the Knights of the Maccabees, and with the Knights and Ladies of Security, with the Vermilion organizations of which he is prominently identified. He is a director of the Erie County Banking Company, which conducts the representative banking institution in Vermilion, and as a substantial business man his success has been the direct result of the application of his own energy and ability.

As a young man Mr. Decker wedded Miss Lena Leimbach, who likewise was born and reared in Vermilion and who was a daughter of the late Charles Leimbach, a well known citizen of Erie County. Mrs. Decker passed to the life eternal December 18, 1911, secure in the affectionate regard of all who had come within the compass of her gracious influence. Of the five children of this union four are living, Ruth, Catherine, Pauline and Mary, the only son, Charles C., having died at the age of four years.

Edmund H. Zurhorst. On the business history of the City of Sandusky there appears the name of Edmund H. Zurhorst written in bold and legible characters. From the time of his return to this city, after the close of the Civil war, he has been continuously interested in the growth and interests of this his home city and always retained his voting residence here. After a number of years' service in the New York

Custom House and one year with the New York house of Jay Cooke & Company, he returned to his home city to engage in business. He has been an active and influential factor in the city interests and of the State of Ohio. Large as have been his business interests and heavy as have been his responsibilities, he has not allowed them to interfere with the performance of his duties as a citizen, and his contributions in the latter direction have been as numerous and as helpful as those of any one individual during the period of Sandusky's growth from an inconsequential town to a lake city whose importance is recognized universally.

Mr. Zurhorst was born in June, 1845, in the City of Montreal, Canada, and is a son of William H. and Letitia (McKenna) Zurhorst. His father, born in London, England, emigrated to the Dominion of Canada in middle life and took up his residence at Montreal, and in 1849, with his family, removed to Sandusky, Ohio, where he engaged in the manufacture of upholstering goods and passed his last years. Edmund H. Zurhorst had entered the high school course at Sandusky when, at the age of fourteen years, the low state of the family's financial circumstances made it necessary to discontinue his studies and secure a position in which he could contribute to the family support. He accordingly secured employment on lake vessels and was a sailor on fresh water for about one year, and in his sixteenth year he shipped before the mast and sailed on the ocean. When he was nineteen years of age, or in 1864, he returned home and joined the United States Navy, with which he served during the rest of the Civil war, acting both as seaman and as surgeon's steward. His service finished, he came to Sandusky and for several years sailed on the lakes in various positions, then going to the New York Custom House under General Arthur, and resigning his position after seven years' service. He then returned to Sandusky and directed his attention to general business and shipping, eventually building and operating two steamers on the Great Lakes. As managing owner Mr. Zurhorst also became interested in the Marblehead Lime Company of Sandusky, and was its president in 1887, when the company disposed of its interests, its business was exceeded in bulk by few concerns of the kind in the United States. He was the original secretary and chief promoter of the Sandusky & Columbus Short Line Railroad (now the Pennsylvania Railroad), and was one of the most active directors of the construction company which built the line, and its secretary. For many years he served as general agent of the Columbus, Sandusky & Hocking Railroad, with headquarters at Sandusky. Among other industries of note which Mr. Zurhorst has been connected may be mentioned the C. C. Keech Company, dealers in hides and pelts and tannery; the Second National Bank, of which he was a stockholder and director; the Emma Coal Company, Jackson, Ohio, as president; the Crown Pipe and Foundry Company, Jackson, Ohio, as vice president; the Sandusky Construction Company, of which he was the secretary; the Sandusky Improvement and Investment Company; and the Mansfield Short Line Railway Company, of which he was a director and secretary; the Trommey Malt Company, Fremont, Ohio, being its president; and the Fremont Lumber and Supply Company, of which he was president. Mr. Zurhorst, as chairman of the harbor committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Sandusky, was largely instrumental in securing the assistance of Congress which resulted in the improvement of the Sandusky Harbor and securing all the lights now in harbor use. During President Arthur's administration he held the office of assistant United States weigher in the New York Customs House, and he has also acted as deputy collector of internal revenue for the Northern District of Ohio and as collector of customs for the Sandusky, Ohio, District.

On September 23, 1874, Mr. Zurhorst was united in marriage with Miss Harriet West Keech, daughter of the late C. C. Keech, of Sandusky, Ohio. She died January 29, 1890, leaving three children: Christopher

C., William K. and Mary L. William K. Zurhorst died October 28, 1902, as a result of disabilities received while serving as a soldier during the Spanish-American war in Cuba.

Mr. Zurhorst is a thirty-second degree Mason, Scottish Rite, and a member of all the bodies of the York Rite, including the Commandery. He is a noble of the Mystic Shrine and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is widely and favorably known in fraternal circles. Politically he is a stalwart supporter of the principles of the republican party. He has taken active and responsible interest in county and state politics, enjoying the personal friendship of the party leaders which included Presidents Arthur and McKinley, also especially the late Senator Hanna, whose personal friendship he enjoyed. As a party leader locally Mr. Zurhorst enjoyed the confidence and assistance of his political associates and citizens. Mr. Zurhorst holds the confidence and esteem of all classes of citizens and is justly accounted one of the solid and substantial business men of the City of Sandusky.

Raymond W. Rockwell. Since the year 1860 Raymond W. Rockwell has been a resident of East Oxford, having come there when a youth, and since attaining manhood has been prosperously identified with the agricultural enterprise of that community with the exception of five years spent in Lenawee County, Michigan. His long residence, his well known integrity of character, and his official position at different times in township affairs have brought him an influential place in the life of Erie County.

Mr. Rockwell is in fact a native of Erie County, and his family were among the early settlers. He was born in Milan Township, August 7, 1851, a son of John and Sarah (Wilcox) Rockwell, his father a native of Delaware County, New York, and his mother of Connecticut. John Rockwell came from New York State to Ohio about 1835, the family first settling in Lorain County, but after a short residence there he came to Erie County, locating in Milan Township. He was there early enough to become identified with the pioneer settlement and development, and lived there until his death.

In 1860, when Raymond W. Rockwell was nine years old, his parents moved into Oxford Township, and he grew up in that locality, acquiring his education in the public schools, supplemented by much observation and experience of men and affairs in after life. In November, 1878, he married Miss Louisa C. Koch. Mrs. Rockwell was born in Germany and was brought to this country when quite young by her father, John P. Koch, who for many years has been a resident of Oxford Township and is now a venerable octogenarian. Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell are the parents of four children: Minnie E., wife of Irvin Fox, living near Lancaster, Ohio; William F., of North Monroeville; Sarah P., wife of Frank Keinzly, of Oxford Township, and John P., now deceased.

In a public way Mr. Rockwell served two terms as a trustee of Oxford Township and has liberally supported every movement that would make this community a more progressive place as an agricultural district and the locality of homes and institutions. He is a republican, and is affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees at Bloomingville.

Ephraim J. Hastings. During an active career of nearly twenty years Mr. Hastings has been known for his capable work as a grain thresherman, as a road contractor, and more recently as the popular and genial merchant at Parkerstown in Groton Township.

Most of his life has been spent in Groton Township, where he was born September 20, 1876, a son of James H. and Martha (Kershner) Hastings, his father now deceased and his mother a resident of Groton Township in her sixty-eighth year.

Mr. Hastings grew up in his native township, attended the public schools, and soon embarked on a life of practical accomplishments.

For about twenty years he was engaged in the operation of a threshing outfit among the grain raisers of this county, and in that way acquired a large acquaintance and at the same time furnished an excellent service. For a number of years he also combined this with his business as a contractor for road construction and has built many miles of improved highways in this section of Ohio. In November, 1914, he bought the old established mercantile house at Parkertown formerly owned by M. L. Starr, and has shown a great deal of enterprise in extending and building up the trade which has long been concentrated at this point. He carries a large stock of general merchandise and has made his store a popular trading point in the community.

On May 1, 1900, Mr. Hastings married Miss Theresa Swabley. She was born in Erie County, a daughter of Fabian Swabley, who now lives in Milan, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Hastings have two children: Catherine G. and Helen R. In a public way Mr. Hastings has served as constable of Groton Township for a number of years, and his attitude has always been that of a public spirited and liberal citizen.

Wilbert H. Arnold. Specialty farming is the vocation of Wilbert H. Arnold, one of the most progressive of Erie County's agriculturists. While he has paid attention to the general farm crops, he is a farmer on the diversified and intensity plan, growing crops on the fields, raising stock to consume farm products, and also keeping a fine herd of Holstein dairy cattle which contributes no small amount of the revenue derived from the Arnold farm.

Mr. Arnold has two farms, one of them at Avery, known as the homestead farm, and the other Corn King farm of eighty acres near Milan. One of his specialties is the raising of fine seed corn, and that has given the name to the Corn King farm near Milan. The product of this farm has served to seed many thousands of acres of corn land, not only in Ohio, but in other states. The homestead farm contains eighty-two acres. Both are excellently improved with buildings and are in the best of condition as to fencing, drainage and general fertility. The Avery farm has a barn 36 by 80 feet and other building improvements, while the Corn King farm has a barn 26 by 56 feet with a large amount of space devoted to the care and storage of the seed corn. His crops include practically all the staples of Northern Ohio, and for a number of years he has grown potatoes on a somewhat extensive scale. Among his stock he feeds a large number of hogs.

Representing some of the best family stock in Erie County, Wilbert H. Arnold was born at Avery in Milan Township, April 8, 1864. He grew up in that locality, obtained his education at the country schools and in the Milan Normal, and early in life chose farming as his general vocation. He has known all the people in that section of Erie County since he was a boy, and his own work and achievements have been such as to gain him the thorough respect of a wide circle of acquaintances and friends. For the past twenty-two years he has lived in Milan, and now occupies a handsome twelve-room house in that village. Mr. Arnold was the fourth son of Levi and Rachel M. (Everett) Arnold, and for more detailed account of the Everett family the reader is referred to the life of Levi Arnold, found on other pages.

In Milan, Wilbert H. Arnold married Miss Louise C. Lockwood, who was born in Milan Village, May 9, 1868, received her education here and at Buffalo, New York, and has practically spent her life in this one locality. Her parents are Stephen A. and Sarah (Lockwood) Lockwood, one of the best known families of Erie County. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have two children. Harold L. was born December 21, 1897, has been a student in the Milan High School and is still at home. Dorothy

Louise, born September 4, 1899, is now in the freshman class of the Milan High School. Mrs. Arnold and her daughter are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Arnold is second reader in the Christian Science Church at Norwalk. Politically he is a republican, and has given some capable service to the community as a member of the school board.

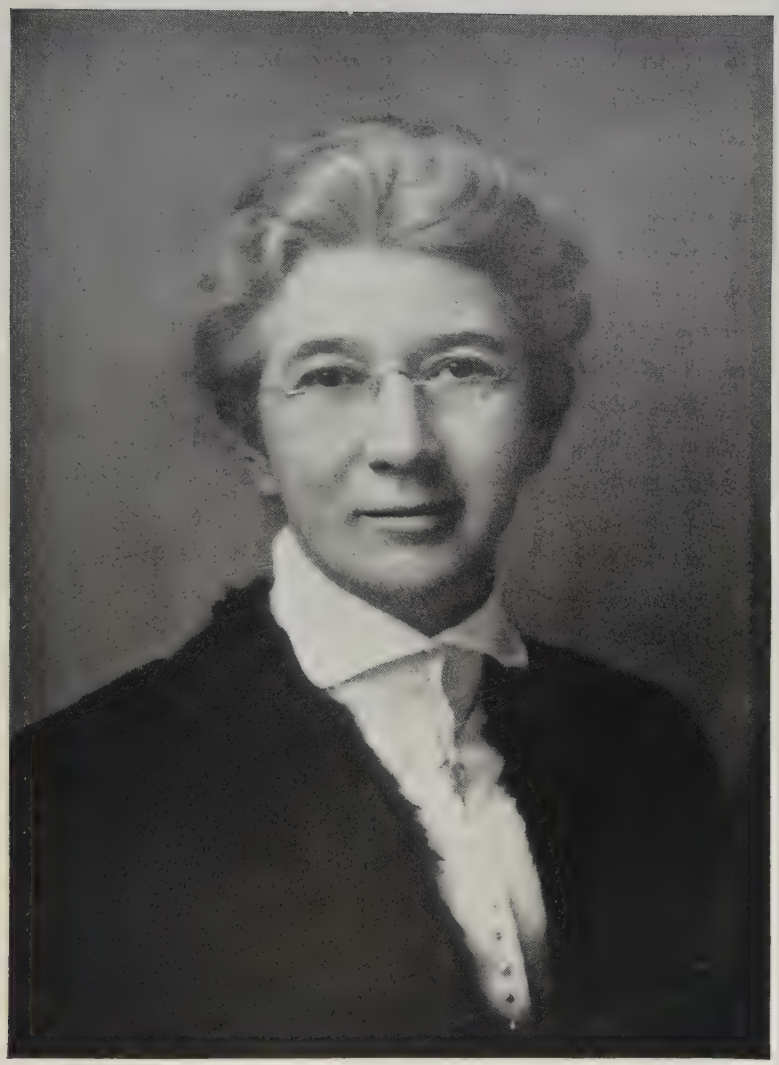
MARTIN J. TRINTER. A resident of Vermilion Township since his boyhood days, Mr. Trinter holds precedence as one of the substantial and representative agriculturists and stock-growers of this township, where his well improved farm stands as a model in its admirable improvements and its general air of thrift and prosperity, and his ability as a man of affairs and his integrity in all of the relations of life have given to him special prominence and influence in the community which has so long represented his home. His inviolable hold upon popular confidence and esteem is indicated by the prolonged service he has given in public offices of local trust and responsibility, and he is at the present time a member of the board of trustees of Vermilion Township.

Mr. Trinter claims Hessen-Cassel, Germany, as the place of his nativity and was there born on the 1st of May, 1853, his parents, George and Catherine (Minch) Trinter, likewise having been born in that same section of the great Empire of Germany, where they remained until 1863, when they immigrated with their children to America and established their home in Erie County, Ohio. Here the father purchased land and improved an excellent farm, the same having become the family homestead in 1864 and having been made by him one of the productive farms of Vermilion Township. On this homestead George Trinter continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1887, and his widow passed to the life eternal in 1893, both having been devout members of the German Reformed Church and having commanded in the land of their adoption the respect and good will of all who knew them. They were sturdy, industrious and God-fearing folk and their lives were guided and governed by the highest principles of integrity and honor.

Martin J. Trinter was a lad of ten years at the time of accompanying his parents on their immigration to America, and his rudimentary education had been received in his German Fatherland. After the home had been established in Erie County he attended the schools of Vermilion Township when oportunity presented, and in the meanwhile he did arduous and effective service in connection with the development and cultivation of the home farm. He has continued his residence in Vermilion Township during the long intervening years, has never severed his allegiance to the great industry of agriculture and through his association therewith has worked his way forward to independence and substantial prosperity, his excellent homestead farm comprising 154 acres and being improved with good buildings, includin the commodious and modern house, which is known for its generous hospitality and its pervading atmosphere of optimism and good cheer.

Mr. Trinter has always exemplified in his active career the true spirit of American loyalty and progressiveness, as well as the sturdy perseverance and mature judgment typical of the race of which he is a scion. He has made his advancement along normal and legitimate lines of enterprise, has shown vital interest in community affairs and has stood forward as sponsor for the best civic ideals. His service in public office had its inception when he was elected constable of Vermilion Township, and of this position he continued the incumbent two years. For fifteen consecutive years, or five terms, he was retained in

Martin J. Turner.



Edna M. Trinter.

the office of justice of the peace, and his able administration made the position justify its title. Twice after his retirement he was re-elected to this magisterial office, but on each of these occasions he refused to qualify and continue his service, as other interests demanded his attention and he believed also that other citizens should be chosen for the position to which he had given so many years of service. Save for an interim of two years he has served consecutively in the office of township trustee for a prolonged period, and his continuous incumbency of this position covers a period of fifteen years—a statement that gives the most effective voucher for the estimate placed upon him by the citizens of his home township. For several years Mr. Trinter has had the further distinction of being chairman of the Erie County Trustees Association, and his mature judgment and inviolable integrity have resulted in his being called upon to serve as administrator and trustee of various important estates in Erie County. He has held the office of township assessor and also has served with characteristic loyalty and ability as a member of the board of education of his township. Mr. Trinter is a director of the Erie County Banking Company, at Vermilion, and is one of the substantial and highly honored citizens of the county in which he has found the means to achieve large and worthy success and to exemplify the best ideals of loyal citizenship.

Mr. Trinter's political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he is well fortified in his convictions concerning economic and governmental policies. He is affiliated with Vermilion Tent, No. 19, Knights of the Maccabees, and both he and his wife are earnest communicants of the First German Reformed Church of Vermilion Township, of which he is a trustee.

On the 23d of November, 1882, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Trinter to Miss Edna M. Hageman, who was born and reared in Lorain County and whose father, Conrad Hageman, for many years a prominent farmer of Black River Township, that county, is now living retired in the City of Lorain. Mr. and Mrs. Trinter became the parents of eight children, namely: Philip C., Elmer C., Lydia E., Edna M., William E., Catherine E., Anna M. and Nellie M. All of these children are living and doing honor to the family name. Elmer C. is his father's able manager of the homestead. Lydia E., who is now the wife of Lloyd Bacon, was a successful teacher in the public schools of Vermilion Township for several years prior to her marriage, and she and her husband now reside in Brownhelm Township, Lorain County. Edna M. is a popular teacher in the public schools at Berlin Heights, Erie County; and Catherine A. is employed as a skilled stenographer in the office of the Sandusky Foundry & Machine Co. of Sandusky, Ohio.

Burton P. Root. In carrying on the diversified agricultural enterprise of Milan Township one of the important factors is Burton P. Root, a young man of marked enterprise and business capacity, the interest of whose career is increased by the fact that he represents some of the older family stock in this section of Ohio. The farm he owns and occupies in Milan Township comprises 127 acres of excellent land, with high grade improvements in buildings and other facilities, and he is steadily prospering as a manager of the resources entrusted to his care. He grows all the staple crops, and raises excellent stock.

Born in Milan Township, March 23, 1879, Burton P. Root grew up and received his education in that locality and has spent practically all his life on the farm he now owns. His parents were John O. and Sarah (Fairchild) Root, also natives of Ohio.

John O. Root, his father, who is now living retired in Milan Village, having a nice home on Williams street, was born at Spears Corners in

Milan Township, April 20, 1848, a son of Perry and Celia (Hardy) Root. Perry Root and his wife were both natives of Connecticut, and came as children with their respective parents to Ohio, the Roots settling at or near Spears Corners while the Hardys located in Berlin Township. Both families were among the pioneers of Erie County. Perry Root likewise played a pioneer part in this section, improved farm lands from almost a wilderness condition, and constructed a large brick house which was one of the landmarks among the early homes of Milan Township, and in which he and his wife spent their last years. However, for several years after his marriage Perry Root lived in different localities, but finally bought the homestead near Spears Corners, where he died at the age of fifty-five and his wife at the age of sixty-five. They were not members of any church, but in politics Perry was a democrat and served as school director and supervisor of roads. He and his wife have three sons and three daughters, five of whom grew up and four were married. John O. Root and his sister, Elizabeth R., widow of R. M. Wilcox of Bowling Green, Wood County, Ohio, are the only ones now living.

John O. Root grew up on his father's farm at Spears Corners and was married in Townsend Township, of Huron County, to Sarah Fairchild. She was born in 1851 in Townsend and was reared and educated there, a daughter of Burton and Melissa (Squires) Fairchild, who were natives of New York State and early settlers in Townsend Township, of Huron County, where they married. Burton Fairchild was a cooper by trade, carried on a small farm in conjunction, and he spent his life in that county. He and his wife were active members of the church, and he was a lay preacher and a power in revival work. In politics he was a republican. Burton Fairchild was twice married and had children by both wives. Mrs. John O. Root was the only daughter of her mother, but she had a brother, William, who married and reared a family and is now deceased. After his marriage John O. Root located on the farm now occupied by his son Burton. He lived there and went ahead with its management and improvements and finally retired with a competence to the Village of Milan in 1912. In politics he is a democrat. He and his wife became the parents of three children. Elma is the wife of William Olemacher, a machinist and department manager, and their children are Burton, Zelta and Howard. Jay O. Root, the other son, is now a farmer in St. Clair County, Michigan, and is the father of two sons and one daughter, Clair, Delmar and Gladys.

Burton P. Root was married in Milan Township to Miss Charlotte M. Everett. She was born in Huron Township, of this County, June 20, 1878, grew up in that locality and received her education there and at Toledo. Prior to her marriage she taught school several years. Her parents were Elias and Emma (Hind) Everett, both natives of Huron. They were married in that township, and Mr. Everett died in 1906 and his widow is now living, at the age of about sixty, in Norwalk, Ohio.

To Mr. and Mrs. Root were born four children: E. Everett, now ten years of age; John B., aged eight; Robert P., aged three; and Ada L., one year old. Mr. and Mrs. Root are active in the social affairs of their community, and politically he votes with the democratic party.

Jacob Edward Kishman. It is doubtful if Erie County has a better managed farm and a more attractive and comfortable rural homestead than that of J. Edward Kishman, whose place is in Vermilion Township along Market Road No. 13, not far from Lake Erie.

Mr. Kishman might be classed as a general farmer and stock raiser. He owns and conducts seventy-four acres of highly improved land, with all of it except a very few acres under cultivation. His residence is an especially attractive feature of the landscape. It is a ten-room

house, with all the improvements found in a city home, including hot and cold water, furnace heat, and electric light. There are several large barns in an excellent state of repair, the largest being 32 by 72 feet. His farm grows all the staple crops, including wheat, corn and oats, and his fields in an average season produce about a hundred bushels of corn to the acre, twenty bushels of wheat and forty bushels of oats.

This farm has been in his ownership since his father died eight years ago, and in that time he has constructed most of the buildings which now mark it out so prominently in this rural community. Mr. Kishman has lived on the same farm for twenty-one years. As a stock man he takes pride in his animals, and keeps from ten to fifteen head of cattle besides horses and hogs.

In this township near the Village of Vermilion J. Edward Kishman was born August 1, 1866, and was reared and educated here. He is the son of Werner and Elizabeth (Lutz) Kishman. His father was born in Hesse, Germany, and was seventeen years of age when he came across the ocean to the United States. His first location was in Lorain County, where he reached mature years, and afterwards learned the blacksmith trade in Vermilion Village. He was employed for a number of years at his trade in the ship yards performing the iron work for the sailing vessels constructed by the Bradley firm of ship builders. Later he bought a farm west of Vermilion Village on the lake shore, and there he and his wife spent their declining years. Werner Kishman and wife were members of the German Reformed Church, and in politics he was a democrat. The Kishman family is one of the older stock in Vermilion Township, and reference is made to its members on other pages.

J. Edward Kishman is the second child of the family. He was married in this township to Miss Martha Dickel. She was born in Vermilion Township December 3, 1873, a daughter of George Dickel, the Dickel family also having representation on other pages. Mr. and Mrs. Kishman are members of the Mittewanga German Reformed Church, in which he is serving as deacon, and of which his parents were charter members. In politics he is a democrat.

Court C. Smith. One of the vigorous and independent young farmers in Vermilion Township is Court C. Smith, whose homestead which was also his birthplace, is located on the south side of the township. During his father's lifetime and since then Mr. Smith has applied himself vigorously to the work and management of this excellent farm and the success with which he has pursued his chosen calling has been reflected in a generous estimate of his abilities and good citizenship.

Born on the farm where he now lives June 28, 1883, he was reared and educated in that community, and is a son of the late Charles and Anna (Nixon) Smith. His father was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, in 1840 and died in 1899 at the old home in Vermilion Township. His mother was born in New York State in 1859 and died at the Vermilion Township farm in 1892, when in the prime of life. These parents were married in Vermilion Township, and were quiet, industrious people who worked hard to improve their sixty acres of land, and left it to their son as a very valuable property. During his lifetime the father put up a good set of farm buildings, including a substantial nine-room two-story house. He was a man who took an active interest in local affairs and was a democrat. Charles Smith was a son of Hiram Smith, who came from the East to Ohio and married in this State Miss Hardy. They spent their last years in Florence Township of Erie County. At the time of his death Hiram Smith was eighty-three years of age. He had been affiliated with the republican party for a number of years.

Mrs. Anna Smith, mother of Court C., was an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her father, Mr. Nixon, was born in New York State and enlisted at Lewiston for service in the Civil war. He was captured and thrown into a Southern prison, and died while there from exposure and suffering, being then in the prime of his years. He left a widow with two daughters, the elder being Anna Smith, and the younger being Jennie, now the wife of James Jones, living in Cleveland. With Mrs. Jones lives her mother, who married for a second time John McDowell. Mrs. McDowell is now past eighty-six years of age, still vigorous in spite of her years, and a devout Methodist.

Court C. Smith is the older of two children, his brother Glenn having died at the age of ten months and Mr. Smith naturally succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead in Vermilion Township on the death of his parents. He grew up in that community, attained a substantial education in the local schools, and for the past fifteen years has been an active farmer.

In 1904 in Vermilion Township he married Miss Myrtle Risden. She was born in Nebraska June 5, 1886, but was reared and educated in Vermilion Township, being a daughter of Almor G. Risden, a well known Vermilion Township citizen. In politics Court C. Smith votes an independent ticket.

Christian Hauff. In the years that have come and gone since Christian Hauff first became identified with Erie County as a farmer, he has contributed a great deal of productive labor to local agricultural enterprise and it is in the enjoyment of comforts and plenty that his earlier period of industry enabled him to accumulate that he is now enjoying retired life in his home on Darrows Road in Vermilion Township.

His present place of residence is a good home and a small farm which furnishes him all the opportunity for work he cares to indulge. He has lived there for the past three years. He came to this location from his main farm near the lake shore in Vermilion Township, and which he had occupied and owned since 1875. The lake shore farm comprises sixty acres, all of which was improved under his immediate supervision and by his own labor, including the erection of a number of buildings, among them a good new house. Under his management he kept the place up to the best standards of crops and livestock.

Christian Hauff was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, November 4, 1850, a son of Frederick and Fredericka (Siebold) Hauff, both of whom were born in Plockingen of Wurtemberg. They grew up and were married in their native country and town and spent all their lives in Wurtemberg. Frederick Hauff was sixty-eight years of age when he died, and was a man of rugged constitution. This was evidenced by the fact that though dentistry was not practiced then as it is now he had every tooth in his head when he died. His wife lived to be seventy years of age, and she too was possessed of a strong and vigorous constitution. Christian Hauff had three brothers, Jacob, John and Gottlieb, and two sisters, Rosina and Catherine, all of whom still live in their native province. All are married and have children of their own.

Christian Hauff grew up in his native town, and was well educated according to the German custom. He was a young man eligible for the army when the Franco-Prussian war broke out in 1870, and in order to avoid military service he left his native land and come to free America. He took passage at Hamburg in February, 1870, on a steamship which twelve days later landed him at Castle Garden. From there he came west to Erie County, and was first employed on a farm in Berlin Township. Subsequently he invested his accumulations in the sixty

THE LITTLE EVERGREEN FARM, RESIDENCE OF CHRISTIAN HAUFF

acre farm near the lake shore in Vermilion Township, and that was the scene of his most productive labors in Erie County. That farm is now under the management of his son.

While living in Vermilion Township Mr. Christian Hauff married Ernestine Seitz. She was born in Germany, in Baden, in 1846, and was a young woman when she came with her brother William to the United States and located in Sandusky. A few years later she married, and she died at the old home in Vermilion Township in 1888. She was survived by four children: Catherine is now the wife of Orlando Edwards, a farmer in Ashland County, Ohio, and their children are Mabel, Earl and Dorothy Belle. Christian is now living in the State of Washington and is still unmarried. Bertha is the wife of William F. Fichtel, a farmer of Vermilion Township, and their children are Ernest, Catherine, Earl, Frederick, Henry and Lydia. Gottlieb now conducts his father's farm, and by his marriage to Anna Bartzen has a son Harvey and a baby as yet unnamed.

At Sandusky in 1912 Mr. Hauff married Mrs. Freda Lutz. She was born Lutz, and married her cousin. Both were natives of Wurtemberg, and Mrs. Hauff came to America in 1892, while Mr. Lutz followed several years afterwards. They were married in Brooklyn, New York, and Mr. Lutz died there in 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Hauff are both members of the German Reformed Church. Politically Mr. Hauff is a democrat. Mr. Hauff visited Germany and his old friends after having been away for forty years. Two years later he made another visit.

W. J. Sprow. It requires energy and ability to get as far ahead in the business world as W. J. Sprow has gone during the comparatively brief thirty-three years since he first saw the light of day in Erie County. Mr. Sprow is now the chief executive head of The Wagner Quarries Company, the largest industry of its kind in Ohio, and has a number of other interesting relations with business and civic affairs in his home City of Sandusky.

Born December 23, 1882, he is a son of Paul J. and Mary (Sullivan) Sprow. His father, who was also born in Erie County, in the year 1851, made a fine record in the railroad service. He early became a trainman on the old Mad River Railroad, the first railroad in Erie County, and from one post was promoted to another until he became a passenger conductor, and came to be known to thousands of the traveling public in that capacity. He had charge of the first freight train ever run over the Lake Erie & Western Railroad. He was a contemporary and close friend while in railroading of George Randolph, who was born in Norwalk, Ohio, and is now first vice president of the Baltimore & Ohio system, and was also intimate with D. F. Hill, who is now general superintendent of the Lake Erie & Western Railroad. Paul Sprow was one of the best liked men in the railroad service and had a host of friends who keenly lamented his death in 1899.

The youngest in a family of three sons, W. J. Sprow had a good practical education, acquired in the grammar and high schools. On graduating from high school in 1900 he soon afterward entered the employ of The Wagner Quarries Company as clerk, and two years later his efficiency was rewarded by his election as treasurer and secretary of the company. In 1912 in addition to the duties of those offices he was also made general manager. The plant of The Wagner Quarries Company has the largest capacity in Ohio for the production of limestone in all its forms and commercial products. Its quarries are directly connected with six railroads radiating in all directions, and the output goes frequently to a great distance. The company has five different plants in operation, and altogether produces about one million tons of crushed stone besides a fine grade of dressed limestone used in the con-

struction of church and school buildings. All the latest machinery is found installed in the company's plants, and the highest standard of mechanical equipment is everywhere maintained. The company furnishes for different purposes ballast, crushed stone, screenings, limestone sand, building stone and macadam material. The business offices of the company are in the Laurence Building at Sandusky.

Besides this business, with which he has been identified now for fully fifteen years, Mr. Sprow is a director in the Peoples Loan & Savings Company, in the Mayfield Estate of Cleveland and the Lake Road Realty Company of that city; is president of the Portland Vintage Wine Company; and is president of the A. Schmidt Bros. Wine Company, and the B. F. Sexton wholesale liquor house. He is a member of the Federated Commercial Club of Sandusky, a member of the Sunyendeand Club, is a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Elks. On June 15, 1912, in Erie County he married Miss Elsie Schmidt, a daughter of August Schmidt, Jr., of Sandusky, Ohio.

A. W. Allendorf. For many years the name Allendorf has been associated with the business affairs of Sandusky, and one of the men of that name is now cashier in the Commercial National Bank, while his son is an active insurance man.

The firm of Schaub & Allendorf of which A. W. Allendorf is a member, was organized in March, 1914, and has already built up a large business in general fire and life insurance and real estate. A. W. Allendorf was born August 31, 1890, in Erie County, and for a young man of twenty-five has already achieved a more than ordinary business success.

His parents were William L. and Mary (Kunzman) Allendorf. His father, a native of Germany, came to America early in life, and has long been known in Sandusky. He was in the lime business for the Ohlemacher firm up to 1900, and then entered the Second National Bank, and subsequently became cashier of the Commercial National Bank, a responsibility which he now holds.

A. W. Allendorf was educated in the public schools of Sandusky and in the University of Michigan, and for two summer terms was a student in Culver's Military Academy in Indiana. In a business way he first became identified with the Easiest Way Manufacturing Company at the time of its organization, and was made secretary. In 1913 he became a clerk in the Commercial National Bank, but since 1914 has given all his time and attention to the insurance and real estate business.

William H. Lundy. In 1912 the people of Erie County chose for the office of sheriff a citizen whose fitness for such responsibility and honor is unquestioned and exceptional. Sheriff Lundy is now in his second term, and has spent most of his life in this county, has been a practical and successful worker and faithful to every responsibility, and has always been noted for his honesty and efficiency, qualities which have rendered his record as sheriff of exceptional value to the county at large.

Sheriff Lundy since taking office has done a great deal to carry out all the duties of his office, and has two very capable deputies in Edward J. Hartman and Fred C. Staffler.

William H. Lundy was born July 12, 1870, in Erie County, a son of John W. and Anna (Haley) Lundy. His father was born in Ireland and came to America in 1849, first locating in Huron, where he spent two years as a laborer. He then moved to Sandusky and was employed by a lumber company for a time, but later purchased a farm, which he operated the rest of his life. He died January 29, 1914. He married in

August W. Leadrach

Sandusky and became the father of five children, four of whom are still living.

Fourth in order of age, William H. Lundy was educated in the district schools, and at the age of twenty-two found employment with the Interurban Electric Line known as the Sandusky, Milan & Norwalk Street Railway. For many years he was a conductor on that line, and has the honor of having taken the first electric car into the City of Norwalk. After retiring from the interurban service he engaged in merchandising and conducted a general store at Bogarts Corners in Erie County for ten years. He was called from the quiet routine of a country store in the fall of 1912 to the office of sheriff, and the choice of the people manifested in popular election was never better justified than in the case of William H. Lundy.

In politics he is a democrat and has done a great deal to support and maintain the party organization in this section of Ohio. In religious belief he is a member of the Catholic Church and also belongs to the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Knights of Columbus and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

In Sandusky on November 7, 1894, Mr. Lundy married Miss Anna Steinen, a daughter of Joseph Steinen of West Huron, Ohio. To their marriage were born two children: Marie, born July 22, 1895, and William, born August 8, 1897.

August W. Leadrach. For several interests and activities August W. Leadrach is one of the leading business men and best known citizens of Vermilion Township. Perhaps the occupation by which he is best known in that section of Erie County is as a cheese maker. He has been identified with that industry fully a quarter of a century, and is now president, treasurer and general manager of the Diamond Cheese Company, which has its large plant and offices at Axtell in Vermilion Township. Mr. Leadrach has also extended his holdings and enterprise to stock breeding and farming, and has an established reputation as a breeder of thoroughbred Holstein cattle. He has done a great deal to promote dairy interests in Northern Ohio and is an able and influential citizen of his township.

His family lived for many years in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and he was born in Auburn Township of that county August 1, 1864, a son of Gottlieb and Magdalena (Zimmerman) Leadrach. His father was born in the Canton of Berne, Switzerland, while the mother is a native of Tuscarawas County. Gottlieb Leadrach when nineteen years of age set out for America, and settled with his parents in Tuscarawas County, and he followed farming in Auburn Township of that section until his death in June, 1913.

Reared on a farm, educated in the country schools, August W. Leadrach at an early age determined to make his life count for something in the world. From the schools of Auburn Township he subsequently entered upon and completed a commercial course in the Northern Ohio University at Ada, and on finishing there in 1888 at once came to Erie County. For one year he was a partner with C. Bauman in the manufacturing of cheese at Axtell in Vermilion Township, but in 1890 he bought his partner's stock and became sole proprietor. He conducted this as a successful industry for the making of cheese until 1899, and then incorporated the business under the name Diamond Cheese Company, of which he has since been president, treasurer and general manager. This company manufactures domestic Swiss cheese and find markets for most of its goods in the large cities of New York State, though the product is also sold in other states. The factory is equipped with the most modern and improved machinery known to

the trade of cheese making, and the plant at Axtell has long been a recognized factor in the prosperity of a large surrounding community.

As a successful business man Mr. Leadrach has done much to build up his community, and for a number of years has been a member of the board of education of Vermilion Township, and for part of the time was president of the board.

Mrs. Leadrach before her marriage was Emma Bauman. She was born in Ohio, daughter of Christian and Magdalena (Wuetrich) Bauman. Both parents are now deceased. Of their marriage five children were born, as follows: Pauline M., Milton A., Roland, Pearl, and Earl, the last named being now deceased. In politics Mr. Leadrach is a democrat and is affiliated with Ely Lodge A. F. & A. M. at Vermilion, and with the Modern Woodmen of America at the same place.

Attention should also be directed to his enterprise as a farmer. He owns a fine place of 100 acres in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County, and his own home in Vermilion Township is surrounded by twenty-five acres of rich land, and beautifully improved as a country estate. His Brownhelm Township farm is known as the Longview Stock Farm, and for a number of years it has been headquarters for registered Holstein cattle. Mr. Leadrach has probably done more than any other individual in this section of Northern Ohio for introducing this splendid dairy stock and for raising the general grades of dairy cattle through the influence of his farm.

George A. Michel. For practically forty years there has been more than ordinary significance attaching to the name Michel in manufacturing circles in Erie County. It is with the cooperage business that the various members of the family have been especially identified, and one of the largest enterprises in the business district of Sandusky is one that bears the Michel name and has a plant covering an entire city block, devoted to the manufacturing of practically every type and class of cooperage goods, but particularly watertight containers adapted to many varied purposes.

The president and active executive head of this large industry is now George A. Michel, a son of the founder. He was born November 22, 1881, in Erie County, a son of the late August and Margaret (Conners) Michel, both of whom were born in the State of Ohio. August Michel came to Erie County in 1876, and after some employment as a journeyman cooper engaged in business for himself in 1880. A year later he became associated with his brother Robert under the name Michel Bros., and together they brought the industry to one of extensive proportions. In 1902 some consolidation of cooperage interests was effected, and the Michel Cooperage Company was incorporated in that year. August Michel, who became president and manager of the company, died March 8, 1906, while his brother Robert passed away July 23, 1906. The late August Michel held a place of high esteem in Sandusky, not only in business but in social and civic circles. He was a thoroughly successful business man, had founded one of the first cooperage enterprises in Erie County, and could always be looked to for a manifestation of that public spirit which is one of the best assets of a growing and progressive city. Of his eight children six are still living, with the son George A. as the oldest.

After the death of his father, George A. Michel succeeded as president and general manager of the Michel Cooperage Company. As already noted the plant of this company covers an entire city block in Sandusky, is equipped with all modern cooperage machinery, and furnishes work and wages to a hundred employes. The output is standard in quality and of a constantly growing volume, the demand

being practically always equal to the output. The company sends out each year many thousands of casks, tanks and practically every wooden container bound with hoops. They furnish breweries and wineries with everything needed in those industries, and they also manufacture an extensive line of barrels for packing houses and for the containing of oils and varnish. George A. Michel is one of the four brothers all of whom are identified with the business, and each one in charge of some important department.

George A. Michel was educated in the parochial schools and in the Sandusky Business College, and has now been active in the affairs of the company nearly fifteen years. He has many of the characteristics of his late father, is energetic, public spirited, and usually a leader in anything he undertakes. He is a member of the Federated Commercial Club of Sandusky, is affiliated with the Elks Order, the Sunyendeand Club, and is an honorary member of Company B of the Ohio National Guard at Sandusky, and also belongs to the Sandusky Ad Club. In politics he is a republican. Mr. Michel married Miss Cora Koehler, and they have one child, Elsie E. Michel.

William Henry Dilgart. Everyone in Sandusky, and every person in the surrounding district whose trade relations bring him to that city, is familiar with the large furniture house of Dilgart & Bittner. This is a business which Sandusky people regard with special pride, and for many years its development and prosperity have reflected upon the thorough commercial enterprise and character of William H. Dilgart, senior proprietor.

Mr. Dilgart is a native of Ohio, born April 2, 1875, in Lucas County, a son of E. W. and Sophia (Brindley) Dilgart. His parents are likewise natives of Ohio, and in their family of seven children William Henry was the oldest.

Since his education in the public schools at Swanton, Ohio, and at the Davis Business College, Toledo, Mr. Dilgart has been concentrating all his time and energies upon a business career. He started as a bookkeeper in a dry goods store in Swanton, and spent three years there, an experience which gave him an unusual grasp of many of the fundamental details in merchandising. He then entered the furniture house of Hood Bros., at Toledo, was their bookkeeper for two years, and the firm then on March 16, 1901, sent him to Sandusky, where he managed the Hood Bros. interests in the furniture trade for one year. He was making rapid progress, showed great ability in carrying on the business entrusted to him by others, and in the meantime had established credit and standing so that at the end of one year he was able to buy out the concern and continued it under his individual management for one year. In 1903 he organized the firm of William H. Dilgart & Company, which continued under that title a year and a half. On March 4, 1905, the firm of Dilgart & Bittner was organized, and this in turn was succeeded in 1907 by the incorporation of Dilgart & Bittner Company.

Fraternally Mr. Dilgart is affiliated with the Perseverance Lodge No. 329, F. & A. M.; Sandusky Chapter No. 72, R. A. M.; Sandusky Council No. 39, R. & S. M.; Sandusky Commandery No. 23, K. T.; the Scottish Rite Consistory of thirty-second degree; and the Zenobia Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Toledo. He is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and is vice president of the Sandusky Ad Club.

Mr. Dilgart is an active member of the Congregational Church and has served as deacon for the past three years. Besides his main interests as a senior member of the firm of Dilgart & Bittner, he is vice president of the Talbott Chemical Company of Sandusky.

On September 11, 1898, in Swanton, Ohio, he married Miss Margaret Humphreys. They are the parents of one daughter, Jeanette Isabel, born April 7, 1909.

James T. Begg. As superintendent of Sandusky schools Mr. Begg has performed a service which creates his administration a new epoch in the schools under his supervision. He is an exponent of progressive and practical ideals in the educational field, and having been a teacher all his active life he has always been a student, and by his experience has worked out plans and methods which he has applied in making the schools under his supervision vital institutions to the welfare of the coming generation.

He was born February 16, 1877, in Allen County, Ohio, a son of John and Mary (Kalb) Begg. His father was born in Ohio but his paternal ancestors came from Scotland, and grandfather John Begg first located at Columbus and afterwards went to Allen County, where he continued as a farmer until his death. The parents of James T. Begg had six children, James being the second in order of birth.

He acquired his early education in the district schools of Allen County. Completing his education in the Lutheran College, at Lima, Ohio, and Wooster University. He taught three years in the country schools of Allen County, was principal one year and five years as superintendent of the Columbus Grove High School, was superintendent of the Ironton, Ohio, public schools three years, and then came to Sandusky as superintendent of the city schools on December 1, 1913.

Mr. Begg is affiliated with the Masonic Order, being a Knight Templar, also with the Knights of Pythias, with the Sandusky Teachers Association, the Northwest Ohio Teachers Association, the Northeastern Ohio Teachers Association, the Ohio State Educational Association and the National Educational Association.

On August 26, 1903, in Allen County Mr. Begg married Miss Grace Mohler, daughter of T. H. Mohler, of Bluffton, Ohio. Their two children are Eleanor, born June 19, 1904; James, born December 17, 1909.

Edward C. Wasem. That enterprise and good management are well rewarded in the country life of Erie County needs no better illustration than the career of Edward C. Wasem, whose fine homestead is located in Vermilion Township. So far as financial capital was concerned Mr. Wasem began life practically at the bottom of the ladder. He had something better than capital, namely, energy, ambition, and a will to make something of himself in the world. He has made out of his farming enterprise a business that would compare favorably with many of the mercantile or industrial concerns in this part of Ohio. He is a general farmer, fruit grower, dairyman, stock raiser, enjoys the comforts of a modern country residence, has modern barns, and all the equipment which goes with up to date farm management.

A native of Ohio, Edward C. Wasem was born at Ragersville in Tuscarawas County, May 28, 1868, a son of Engelhart and Catherine (Espensheid) Wasem. His father was born in Ohio of German parentage. His grandfather, Henry Wasem, and his wife were both natives of Germany, but were married in Ohio, and spent most of their lives in Ragersville, where they were early settlers. They developed some of the early farming land in that section of Tuscarawas County. Grandfather Henry Wasem died when about eighty years of age. He was an active member of the Lutheran Church. His first wife died in middle life, and he also survived his second marriage. In politics he was a democrat and a man who took a commendable interest in local affairs. There were children by both his marriages.

Elizabeth E. Wasem

E. C. Wasem

Engelhart Wasem was born at Ragersville, Ohio, sixty-eight years ago, and is still living there. For the past ten years he has been retired, but is still a hale and hearty man and if necessity required could perform a good day's work. His wife died March 11, 1912, at the age of sixty-two. They had been members of the Reformed Church and in politics he is a democrat. Of their seven sons and four daughters, the oldest is Edward C. and the others are named Elmer, Minnie, Simon, William, Herbert, Cora, Nettie, Robert, Walter and Bessie. All are now married except Herbert.

Edward C. Wasem grew up on a farm in his native locality in Tuscarawas County. While living at home he learned many lessons that have been valuable to him in his later career. He was taught to be honest, to work to the extent of his energies, and to bring the best that he had in him to every undertaking. He also attended the local schools, and the education which he gained there has been supplemented by practical experience in after life. When he was twenty-one he came to Erie County. Here he has had his home for nearly thirty years. With very little to start, he made the best use of that little, and now stands among the most prosperous citizens of Vermilion Township. In 1901 he bought his present farm of sixty-seven acres near the Village of Axtell. This land is well improved, has a large barn 30 by 70 feet, and other farm buildings, and his home is a seven-room residence. The Wasem farm has a reputation in that neighborhood for producing crops when many less favored places failed. He grows all the staple crops and two conspicuous features about his place give evidence of his modern enterprise. These are silos, one with fifty tons and the other ninety tons capacity. Mr. Wasem grows and feeds a large number of live stock, and has became known to a large number of people as a dealer, buying and selling hogs and cattle. He operates a first class dairy of ten cows, keeps a high grade of work horses and he uses a high power automobile for business or pleasure practically every day of the year. Very naturally a man who has been so successful in his own affairs should have the confidence of his fellow citizens and would be a proper choice for almost any position in the local government. To please his friends Mr. Wasem consented to become a candidate for township trustee.

In Coshocton County, Ohio, Mr. Wasem married Miss Elizabeth Hothem. She was born in that county August 18, 1872, and grew up and received her education there. Her parents were John and Elizabeth (Baab) Hothem, the former a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and the latter a native of Ohio. John Hothem came to the United States with his parents when nine years old and settled in Ohio. He made a gallant record in the Civil war as a soldier in the Seventy-second Ohio Infantry. His service for his adopted country is a fact which his descendants will always cherish. Mr. and Mrs. Hothem were married in Coshocton County, Ohio, and by their united efforts and energies they acquired and developed a splendid farm, situated partly in Coshocton and partly in Tuscarawas County. John Hothem is now retired from active responsibilities, and at the age of seventy-five is able to enjoy a well earned leisure and to look back with satisfaction upon his past. His wife died in 1904, when fifty-five years of age. The Hothems were upright and loyal church people and in politics he is a republican.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wasem have been born three children: Irvin E., born July 18, 1899, is now attending the high school at Birmingham; Raymond R., born October 22, 1903, is in the sixth grade of the public schools; and Lloyd W., born January 1, 1905, and

also in school. Mr. and Mrs. Wasem are members of the Reformed Church at Vermilion.

ROY E. OFFENHAUER. No position in Erie County means more to the future welfare of the community than that of superintendent of schools. The incumbent of this position is Roy E. Offenhauer, a capable educator of many years experience, a university trained man, and one of high ideals in regard to educational work in general.

A native of Ohio, Roy E. Offenhauer was born August 10, 1881, in Mercer County, a son of Julius and Elizabeth (Yaney) Offenhauer. His father, who was born in Germany, came to America alone in 1868, and located in Franklin County, Ohio, and later in Mercer County, where he spent his life as a farmer. His death occurred in 1888, at the age of sixty.

Mr. Offenhauer's mother, although of German extraction, was born and reared in Mercer County, Ohio. Her death occurred in 1889, aged forty-three years. The family were members of the German Baptist Church.

In a family of seven children, all of whom are still living, Roy E. was the fourth in age. He acquired his early education in the public schools of Mercer County, and in 1903 graduated from the Normal School at Marion, Indiana. He is also a graduate of Otterbein University, with the class of 1905, and subsequently took special courses in education at Miami, Harvard and Columbia universities.

His first work as a teacher was done in the district schools of his native County of Mercer. He subsequently became superintendent of Menden Village and the Union Township schools, Mercer County. Later he was principal of the high school at Mount Vernon, Ohio, and from 1909 to 1914 was identified with Sandusky as principal of the high school. It was his record in this work that made him so well qualified in the eyes of those entrusted with the management of the schools for his present position to which he was chosen in 1914 as superintendent of the Erie County school system. He is giving the county an excellent administration, and much good has already resulted from his leadership and guidance.

Mr. Offenhauer is affiliated with Perseverance Lodge No. 329, F. & A. M., at Sandusky. He is active in the various educational bodies including the Ohio State Educational Association and the National Educational Association, and in politics is independent. On August 4, 1907, he married Miss Ella May Smith. Their two children are Helen Geraldine, born July 20, 1911; and Wayne Berry, born January 21, 1914. Mr. Offenhauer and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN J. MARQUART. There is probably no better known business man in Sandusky than John J. Marquart, who for fully thirty years has been a factor in the business district and in all his associations and relations has come to be known as a man of strictest honor and integrity. While he spent much of his boyhood at Sandusky, Mr. Marquart laid the foundation of his business experience in varied employment in the City of Chicago, and from there returned to Sandusky to make it his permanent home.

He was born August 9, 1854, in the City of Brooklyn, New York, a son of John and Elizabeth (Lauter) Marquart. There were two sons in the family, but he is the only one who survived his father. The parents were both natives of Germany, and John Marquart came alone to America, and worked as a laborer in Brooklyn, New York, until 1860, in which year he brought his family to Sandusky. He is recalled by many

of the older settlers as a grocery merchant, and he conducted a store in the city until 1884.

John J. Marquart attended the public schools, but in 1870, at the age of sixteen left home and went to the then vigorous young City of Chicago to earn his living and if possible make his fortune. His first employment there was as clerk in the firm of Field, Leiter & Company, the original title of what has been developed as the world's greatest dry goods house of Marshall Field & Company. He was in their employ at the time of the Chicago fire in October, 1871. He next spent three years with the Simpson, Norwell & Company, and then was employed in the abstracting of county records which had been destroyed by the fire. Later he occupied several other positions with mercantile houses, and remained in that city until 1884, when he returned to Sandusky on account of his father's rapidly failing health to take charge of his business. For one year he managed the grocery store, then sold out, and went with the firm of Ruff, Son & Kugler, carpets and furniture. That house suffered a disastrous loss by fire in January, 1890. In February, 1890, Mr. John J. Kugler, of the firm of Ruff, Son & Kugler, and Mr. John J. Marquart, succeeded to the business and continued until February, 1895, when Mr. Kugler retired.

In July, 1900, Mr. Marquart disposed of the furniture department, and has since continued as one of Sandusky's leading undertakers. He is also identified with other business affairs both in Sandusky and elsewhere.

He has long been identified with Masonry, has taken all the important degrees, including the thirty-second of Scottish Rite, and is past eminent commander of Erie Commandery of Knights Templar and a member of the Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cleveland. He is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Marquart gave some good public service while a member of the board of education of Sandusky during 1898-99. He is a member of the Sandusky Ad Club and the Sunyendeand Club.

Judge Roy H. Williams. Now judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Judge Williams is not only a thorough lawyer, a very capable and competent judge, but is undoubtedly one of the most popular citizens of Erie County. In everything he has done he has increased his hold on the confidence of the people, and his record on the bench has been such as to cause many of his friends to predict still greater honors in public life.

A member of one of the oldest and most substantial families of the county, he was born at Milan, September 1, 1874, a son of Charles Ronald and Helen Hortense (Hughes) Williams. The Williams family was founded by William Williams, who in 1629 located at Salem, Massachusetts. His son was Abraham Williams, who became one of the proprietors at Watertown, Massachusetts. Judge Williams' great-grandfather was Larkin Williams, who was born October 8, 1765, was married to Miss Lydia Messinger, and in October, 1817, came with his family to Avon, Lorain County, Ohio. This was the year which brought the very first pioneers and permanent settlers to that section of Lorain County. Larkin Williams had no little distinction in Lorain County, and served as the first township clerk of Avon. He died June 13, 1840. Henry Williams, one of his sons, and a great-uncle of Judge Williams, became superintendent of the Western Reserve Normal School at Milan. Judge Williams' paternal grandfather was David Williams, who lived at Oberlin for many years and died there December 5, 1860. Judge Williams' father, Charles R. Williams, also served as superintendent of the Normal

School at Milan, and died there September 8, 1879. He was a well known educator. His wife, who is a member of the well known Hughes family, is still living and resides in Erie County.

As a boy Judge Williams attended the Milan High School and also the old Normal Institute in that town, and then entered Oberlin College, where he continued his studies until the sophomore year and followed this with work both literary and law in the University of Michigan. He graduated from that institution with the degree LL. B. in 1897. Since then he has been in active practice as a member of the bar or in official work at Sandusky.

In January, 1901, he was elected prosecuting attorney of Erie County and held that office six years. On retiring from office he was for about a year with the firm of Williams & Ramsey, and later a member of the firm of King, Williams & Ramsey. In the fall of 1908 he became associated with Mr. Steinemann under the firm name of Williams & Steinemann. He was called from private practice to his present office as judge of the Common Pleas Court.

Fraternally he is affiliated with Perseverance Lodge, F. & A. M., at Sandusky, and Sandusky Lodge, No. 128, Knights of Pythias. On December 7, 1898, Judge Williams married Miss Verna Lockwood of Milan, a daughter of Ralph M. Lockwood and a member of one of the oldest and best known families of Northern Ohio.

Lorenzo S. Chapin. In the death of Lorenzo S. Chapin at his home in Berlin Township, September 1, 1894, Erie County lost one of its splendid citizens, one who had lived and been identified with this section of Northern Ohio nearly all his life. The Chapins were a very early family of settlers in Erie County, and there are many distinctions associated with the name.

Brought to Erie County when an infant, Lorenzo S. Chapin was born at the home of his parents in Glens Falls, New York, in 1836. He was in the sixth generation from Deacon Samuel Chapin, who was one of the founders of Springfield, Massachusetts, and was identified with that community as early as 1836. The subsequent generations were prominent in New England affairs, and the older stock was Puritans. The parents of the late Mr. Chapin were Leonard B. and Mary A. (Skinner) Chapin. His father was born in Leyden, Massachusetts, April 1, 1795, while the mother was born in Glens Falls, New York, where they were married. After their four children were born they came during the decade of the '30s to Ohio, making the journey by canal boat via Erie Canal and lake boats to Huron, and thence to North Monroeville in Erie County. Leonard B. Chapin subsequently became interested in map making, and perfected and published a pioneer map of the State of Indiana, which he sold at considerable profit. Subsequently he bought a farm in Berlin Township, and there spent the rest of his days. Leonard B. Chapin was a man of very brilliant character and attainments, and was a master of many arts and professions. His death occurred when he was seventy years of age. Some of the older settlers still remember him. He was regarded as one of nature's real noblemen, and every quality and attribute of his mind and heart commanded esteem and respect. He was a gentleman of the old school, and though spending many years in a new country where fashions were reduced to the utmost simplicity, he was a conspicuous figure about the streets because of the cut and style of his clothes. Even to the last he wore the stock collar and silk hat which were characteristic of the dress men wore early in the century, and he was very neat and particular about his dress. His wife survived him some years, and died in Berlin

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Township in old age. She was a member of the Congregational Church, while he was of the Universalist faith and a republican in politics. It is noteworthy that former President Taft was also related to some of the original branches of the Chapin family in America. Of the four children of Leonard B. Chapin and wife the oldest was Leonidas; the second was Statira, who died in young womanhood; the next was Capt. Leonard B., who died a few years ago in this county; and the youngest was Lorenzo S. All the sons married and all had descendants.

As a young man Lorenzo S. Chapin was given the best advantages at home and in school. He attended the Huron Institute, Oberlin College, and was also a student at Norwalk. His early ambition took the direction of the law, and he graduated from the Law School of Cincinnati, Ohio, was admitted to the bar and for several years had an established practice in Mattoon, Illinois. On account of ill health he returned to his home county, and spent his last years on a farm in Berlin Township, where he had a stately old home, with a large brick house surrounded by expansive lawn, shaded by many beautiful maple trees. When in his prime Mr. Chapin exhibited many of the brilliant qualities of his father, but with failing health his mind was impaired, and for about a year he was confined in the State Hospital, though he died at his home. In politics he was a democrat.

At Troy, Ohio, Mr. Chapin married Nancy S. Knight. She was born there in 1836. Mrs. Chapin, who for a number of years has lived at Milan, and is now approaching the venerable age of eighty years, has exemplified some of the finest qualities of womanhood. She was well educated while growing up and attended the Barney Female Seminary of Dayton, Ohio. Throughout her life she has been a reader and student. Her parents were William C. and Matilda (Frizell) Knight, the former a native of Lebanon, Ohio, and the latter of Kentucky. Her parents were married in Maysville, Kentucky, at the home of Miss Frizell and at once returned to his farm in Miami County, Ohio, near Troy. Mr. Knight gained much success as a farmer and took a prominent part in local politics. Before the war he was a strong whig and was elected county commissioner, an office which he filled for many years, and subsequently was elected county treasurer of Miami County and filled that office four years. He died at the age of sixty-three. His widow survived him about seventeen years and passed away in 1879. They were consistent members of the Baptist Church. Of the twelve children in the Knight family nearly all of them grew to maturity and married, but Mrs. Chapin and her brother, Henry W. Knight, of Chicago, are the only ones now left.

Mrs. Chapin became the mother of four children. Her son Ralph is still unmarried and lives at home. Harriet is a devoted companion to her widowed mother. William C. was graduated from the Oberlin Business College and had started a most promising career when his life was cut short by death when within three days of his thirty-sixth birthday.

The other son is Dr. Harry L. Chapin, who graduated in medicine at Cleveland, but has subsequently become best known as a student and writer. He is the author of "The History of the Bible," which has received many favorable comments from critics, and has had a wide circulation; and also a story entitled "The Adoption," well known to readers of fiction. Doctor Chapin was born November 13, 1872. On Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1907, he married, in Cleveland, Mrs. Anna M. (Crone) Fries, the widow of the late Valentine Fries. Her father was Frank Crone, for many years a merchant in Massillon, Ohio. Anna Fries Chapin has an extraordinary amount of executive ability,

and without help from any source she carried on and settled up the estate of her husband, and has since increased it rather than diminished it.

The late Valentine Fries was for many years a prominent shipbuilder at Cleveland, and as a capitalist was always identified with the Fries landing on the Huron River near Milan. He was in many ways a remarkable man. He was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France, of Huguenot parentage, and emigrated to this country when but a child. He became a drug clerk at first and finally became sole owner of a grocery store in Milan. He saved a few thousand dollars and started to build ships on the Huron River at Fries Landing, which still bears his name. It was in this enterprise that he attained his wealth. At one time he owned thirty-six vessels on the Great Lakes. He was a man of extraordinary business capacity and also a man of veracity and integrity.

Mrs. Nancy Chapin and her daughter are identified with social affairs at Milan and are active in the Presbyterian Church and its various charities.

F. W. Coen. This is a name which has special significance in electric railway circles in Ohio. Mr. Coen, nearly a quarter of a century ago, when electric transportation was in its infancy, became identified in a minor capacity with one of the early lines in Northern Ohio at Sandusky, and from one grade of responsibility to another was advanced until he is now vice president and general manager of the Lake Shore Electric Railway Company. Mr. Coen is also well known in general business and social circles of Sandusky, and he has a brother who is a well known business man in the city.

He was born in Rensselaer, Indiana, in 1872, and received his early education in the public schools of that Indiana town. He came from Indiana to Northern Ohio, and in 1893, at the age of twenty, entered the electric railway service as an office assistant and bookkeeper in the terminal office at Sandusky. Two years were spent in that early experience. In 1895 he became assistant secretary of The Lorain & Cleveland Railway, and held that position six years. He was also secretary of The Toledo and The Sandusky, Fremont & Southern Railway, and The Fremont & Norwalk Railroad. In 1901 Mr. Coen became secretary of the consolidated lines of The Lake Shore Electric Railway Company. In 1905 he was made secretary and treasurer, in 1907 treasurer and general manager, and since 1908 he has carried the heavy responsibilities of vice president and general manager. He is an expert in electric railway operation and service.

Mr. Coen also holds the position of vice president and general manager of The Sandusky, Fremont & Southern Railway Company and The Lorain Street Railroad Company of Lorain, Ohio. He is now vice president of The People's Light & Power Company, director of The Fostoria & Fremont Railway and in The Electric Depot Company of Cleveland. While Mr. Coen has for many years been closely identified with Sandusky affairs his home is now in Cleveland.

Edward Kerber. One of the most prominent business men in Sandusky is Edward Kerber, whose interests are now concentrated chiefly in the Kerber Ice Company, of which he is proprietor. Mr. Kerber is a clear headed business man and has won his success through his own efforts. In spite of the many calls made upon his time in business matters he is deeply concerned for the public welfare and gives much of his attention to matters of public interest.

Born November 24, 1860, in Erie County, Edward Kerber is a son of Vincent and Constantina (Eckert) Kerber. His father, who was

born in Baden, Germany, came to America in 1849, locating in Sandusky, where he was soon engaged in his regular trade as stone mason, and subsequently developed a large business as a building contractor. That was the work by which he was best known for eighteen years. He finally retired from active business and passed away in 1898. In his time he was one of the leading building contractors of Sandusky. From 1876 to 1890 he was associated with his sons in the ice business under the firm name of Kerber & Sons, and was also in the flour and feed business up to 1884. His children were four sons and two daughters, all of whom are living, except one daughter.

Edward Kerber, who was the second in age, grew up in Sandusky and gained his education from the public schools. When quite young he entered the firm of Kerber & Son, who for a number of years sold and disposed of the entire product of four mills to the retail flour and feed trade. Edward was associated with his father in this line until 1898, in which year the Kerber Lake Ice Company was organized. Since then, for a period of nearly thirty years, he has steadily given his attention to the ice industry, and has been one of the chief factors in this important business along the southern shore of Lake Erie. In 1907 the Kerber Lake Ice Company was sold to the Inter-State Ice Company. Mr. Kerber has since conducted a plant independently, known as the Kerber Ice Company, being its sole owner.

From 1901 to 1903 Mr. Kerber was a member of the city council of Sandusky. Politically he is an independent republican and is a man whose judgment and counsel are much esteemed and appreciated, not only by business men, but by citizens in general.

On March 23, 1884, he was married, in Erie County, to Miss Laura Fisher, a daughter of Gustave Fisher. To their marriage were born four children: Elsie, born in November, 1885; Frank Robert, born July 3, 1887; Roy E., born in April, 1894; and Carl E., born in March, 1896. The only daughter, Elsie, married William H. Byron, and lives in California. Frank Robert has his home in Detroit, Michigan. Roy E. is president of the Shamrock Baseball Club and superintendent of the City Ice Delivery Company of Sandusky. Carl E. is attending the high school.

Arthur L. Pietschman. One of the younger business men of Sandusky, already securely established in a growing concern, and a man of public spirit in everything he undertakes, is Arthur L. Pietschman, vice president and manager of the Goosman Transfer Company.

A native son of Erie County, he was born December 2, 1880. His father was a native of Germany, immigrated to America some time during the decade of the '50s, and has spent most of his active life in and around Sandusky. From 1876 to 1909 he was best known in the city's marts of trade as a flour and feed merchant, but is now practically retired from active affairs. He is considered one of the pioneers in business circles in Erie County. One feature of his record which will always be regarded with pride by his descendants was the 4½ years he spent in the Civil war as a Union soldier. At the termination of his first term of enlistment he veteranized and remained in the struggle for the Union from the beginning to the end. In politics he is a stanch republican.

Arthur L. Pietschman was reared and educated in Sandusky, attended the local schools, and gained his training in business under the direction of his father. He remained with his father until he was twenty-two, and then took up the livery business in Sandusky. He conducted that for ten years and in 1912 broadened the scope of his operations when

he became identified with the Goosman Transfer Company as its vice president and manager. This is one of the largest concerns of its kind in Erie County, and has ample facilities for storage, transfer and a taxicab service.

Mr. Pietschman is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and in politics is a republican. On September 18, 1905, he married Miss Vernia Rickers. They have no children.

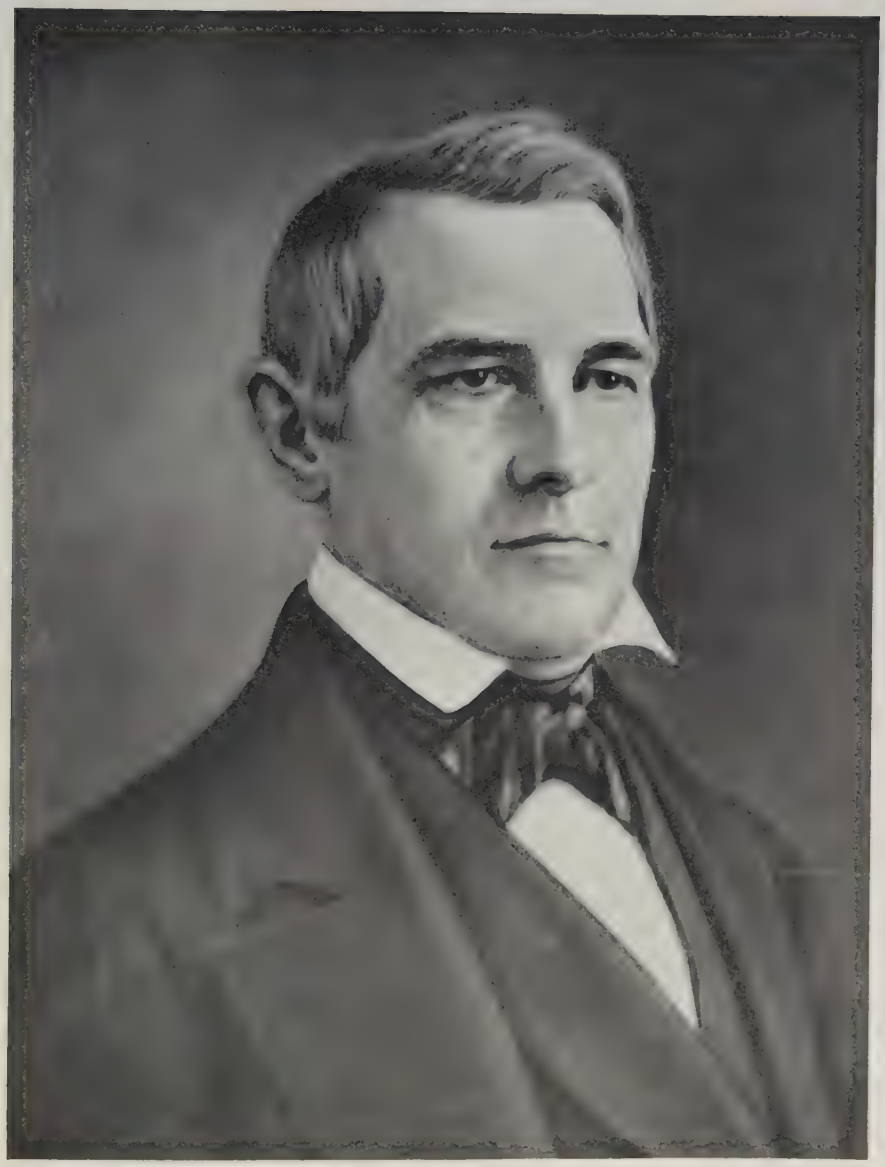
Ebenezer Andrews. It is as one of the most prominent among the early members of the bar in the Western Reserve that Ebenezer Andrews should be remembered. For many years Mr. Andrews lived at Milan, where his descendants are still found, but the scope of his business and professional affairs was by no means limited to one community. He was entrusted with the handling of many large interests, and spent a number of years in the City of Chicago, where he died, and where he left a large estate to his children.

He was a representative of the best of New England stock and environment. Born at Greensfarms, Connecticut, April 30, 1795, a son of John and Lydia Andrews, he was in the sixth generation from the immigrant ancestor.

The progenitor of the family in America was Francis Andrews, who was born in England and lived at Hartford, Connecticut, as early as 1639. He removed in 1648 to Fairfield, Bankside, and died at Fairfield in 1662-63. Following Francis came John Andrews I, who was baptized September 27, 1646, at Hartford, and died in 1683 at Fairfield, leaving two children: John, born October 24, 1679, and Sarah, born January 12, 1681. John Andrews II was born at Fairfield at the date already stated and died November 4, 1728. He was buried at Greensfarms, Connecticut. He served as ensign of militia, was one of the "seven pillars" who founded the church in Greensfarms in 1715, and for many years was clerk of the parish. John Andrews III was born August 6, 1707, was baptized at Fairfield, June 27, 1708, and died March 28, 1771, being buried at Greensfarms. He was married October 28, 1730, to Sarah Couch, daughter of Thomas Couch. He was chosen deacon of Greensfarms Church in 1760. John Andrews IV was born March 17, 1734, and died November 19, 1777. He married Temperance Cable.

The fifth successive John in as many generations and the father of Ebenezer Andrews, was born July 20, 1759. He was just a youth when the war for independence began, but volunteered in Capt. Eliphalet Thorpe's Company in Colonel Waterbury's Regiment and was in the New York campaign of 1776. In 1778 he served in the artillery under Lieut. John Odell. In 1779 he was in the team service conveying guns for the army, and also fought at Fairfield and Greensfarms. In 1780 he enlisted in Captain Stanton's Company, Elijah Sheldon's Regiment of Light Dragoons, and served till the close of the war. He lived many years afterward and died May 20, 1825. On October 9, 1783, he married Lydia Gorham, who died September 7, 1851. She was born November 14, 1762.

The late Ebenezer Andrews in his own career bore himself worthily as a Revolutionary son. He was fitted for college at Fairfield Academy, Connecticut, and graduated at Yale in 1817. After teaching for a time at Louisville, Kentucky, he studied law at Litchfield, Connecticut, and on April 30, 1823, was admitted to the Connecticut bar. In July, 1824, he was admitted to the bar of Ohio, lived for some time at Elyria but finally settled at Milan in Erie County, where he spent many years in successful legal practice. In 1852 he was elected probate judge in Erie County. His business interests soon became extensive and absorbed



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much of the time which otherwise would have been devoted to purely legal matters. In 1855 he engaged in the banking and shipping business on the lakes. Prior to that he had an interest in the steamboats George Washington and Sheldon Thompson, which were among the first to be propelled by steam on the waters of the Great Lakes. He also had the agency from the Connecticut owners of fire lands, of large tracts of lands in Huron and Erie counties, particularly in Florence and Wakeman townships. In 1861 Mr. Andrews moved with his family to Chicago, and there added to his banking and shipping business that of real estate. His death occurred in Chicago, April 28, 1864, but he was buried at his birthplace, Greensfarms, Connecticut.

The late Mr. Andrews is described as an able, quiet, self-contained and upright Christian man, a republican in politics and not at a loss to define his position when asked. He was a positive man, ready always to give a well matured reason for his convictions on any subject, fond of reading and well informed on all general subjects; and who showed to the last the refining and broadening effects of a university education, and who was therefore charitable in his intellectual and moral judgment of others. He possessed the well mannered and dignified bearing of the old-school gentleman.

In August, 1825, soon after his admission to the Ohio bar, Ebenezer Andrews married Miss Rachel Hyde. She was of a family of no little distinction in New England history. She was born June 13, 1802, and her father, Joseph Hyde, lived at Greensfarms, also the old home of the Andrews. Joseph Hyde drove a team with supplies for the army at White Plains, and in 1777 was under the command of Gen. Gold Selleck Silliman at the burning of Danbury, at the battle of Ridgefield, and was wounded at Compo Hill April 28th. Rachel Hyde was also a granddaughter of Ebenezer Jesup of Westport, Connecticut. Ebenezer Jesup graduated from Yale with the class of 1760, was born at Greensfarms, Connecticut, in 1739, served as a surgeon in the Continental army, of the Colony of Connecticut in the campaign of 1764, and afterwards was a surgeon in the Revolutionary army. In 1777 he was ensign in Captain Nash's Company of Connecticut, on duty at Peekskill. During Tryon's invasion his house and entire property were burned. His devoted patriotism subjected him continually to presecution from Tories. Living directly on the shore of Long Island Sound, he was much exposed to the raids of the British troops and sympathizers. The official records and colonial history of Connecticut make various references to his name and service. At Peekskill, in October, 1777, he was in Captain Nash's Company, Whitney's Regiment, Fourth Connecticut Militia, Jonathan Dimon, lieutenant colonel, commanding. Ebenezer Jesup died in 1812. He was married in 1764 to Eleanor Andrews of Fairfield, Connecticut. After the Revolution Doctor Jesup represented the Government in negotiating one of the important Indian treaties at Detroit, Michigan.

Rachel Hyde was educated at Fairfield Academy, Connecticut, came to Ohio soon after her marriage, and the greater part of her wedded life was spent at Milan. She survived her husband a number of years and died at Milan, August 13, 1881. She was a woman of great energy and resolution, well fitted to move in the society of cultured people, or, if need be, to meet the hardships of pioneer life.

Ebenezer and Rachel Andrews left two sons and two daughters. These children were generously endowed in many ways, and had the unusual distinction of having three Revolutionary soldiers among their near ancestry. The oldest, Rachel Augusta, born at Milan, Ohio, July 9, 1834, became the wife of Dr. Benjamin Andrews and died at Brooklyn, New York, June 10, 1899. Joseph Hyde, the older son, was born at

Milan, November 18, 1835, graduated at Yale University in 1859 and from the Cincinnati Law School in 1861, was admitted to the bar of Cincinnati and at Chicago in the following year, and became prominent in commercial activities in the latter city, where he died December 11, 1906. Ebenezer Andrews, Jr., was born July 21, 1837, prepared for Yale at Philips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, graduated from Yale University in 1861, studied law at New Haven, lived in Chicago for a number of years, but died at Milan, November 18, 1896.

The only living child of Ebenezer Andrews is Miss Eleanor Andrews, who was born at Milan, was graduated at Maplewood Institute in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, in 1859, lived in Chicago for a number of years, but her principal home and the center of her many associations is at Milan in Erie County. She is one of the prominent members of the Sandusky Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. A woman of culture and refinement, she has exercised her strong intelligence in the handling of many affairs outside the usual scope of woman's effort, and has shown both executive and financial ability in looking after her father's large estate.

John F. Rosino is one of the men who began life at the bottom and by industry and economy worked up to a place of influence and commercial standing in the community. He went through a long apprenticeship as a clerk in a mercantile establishment at Sandusky, but for a number of years has been proprietor of a boot and shoe establishment of his own. He has kept his stock with a reputation for excellence of goods and he has a high class patronage which has continued dealing in this store year after year. His own career has done much to increase the business facilities of Sandusky and he is one of its most popular citizens.

Born in Erie County, January 1, 1861, he is a son of Frank and Anna B. (Renner) Rosino. His father was born in Germany and came to America in 1850, locating in Erie County, where he was employed in a local spoke factory until 1875, when he entered the flour and feed business, and his name was chiefly identified with that enterprise until his death, which occurred December 23, 1905.

In a family of ten children, eight of whom are living, John F. Rosino was the oldest. He grew up in Erie County, gained an education in the common and grammar schools at Sandusky, and quite early in his career accepted a clerkship in a local dry goods store. At first his compensation was fixed at $75 a year. He proved himself faithful and competent. His wages were advanced and the responsibilities placed upon him were increased. He gained experience, and gradually acquired credit and capital. In 1892 he left the employ of others to set up in business for himself. Since then, for a period of more than twenty years, Mr. Rosino has conducted one of the best boot and shoe stores in Sandusky. His place of business is at 155 Columbus Avenue.

He takes much part in social and civic matters. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge, Chapter and Knight Templar Commandery, with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, with the Knights of the Maccabees, is a member of the Sandusky Business Men's Association, the Sandusky Ad Club and was one of the organizers of the Chamber of Commerce. In politics he is independent.

On September 15, 1885, in Huron County, he married Miss Clara J. Fritz of Clarksfield, Ohio. They are the parents of two children: Gilbert G., born September 25, 1887, and Edward J., born July 25, 1892.

Thomas S. Amato. The passenger agent and cashier at Sandusky for the Lake Shore Electric Railway Company, Thomas S. Amato has

highly commended himself to the business and civic community of which he has been a part for the past five or six years. He is energetic and faithful in business, public spirited in relation to the welfare of his home locality, and a man thoroughly entitled to respect.

He was about twelve years of age when brought to America by his parents in 1892. Mr. Amato was born on the Island of Sicily, Italy, August 29, 1880. His father, on coming to America, located at Norwalk in Huron County, Ohio. Thomas S. was the fifth in a family of six children. His education, begun in the old country, was continued in the public schools of America, but at the age of eighteen he left school and started out to win his own fortune.

At that time he came to Sandusky and his first work was done as collector for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. After a year he was made a clerk in the Moss National Bank, and continued until the affairs of that institution were liquidated. Going to Elyria, he became general manager of a confectionery manufacturing company, and was in business in that city until 1910. He then took a new line of work as conductor on the interurban electric line, the Lake Shore Railway Company, and after a year was appointed passenger agent and cashier for that company, a responsible post which he still fills.

On August 24, 1901, in Erie County, Mr. Amato married Carlotta Sartor. They are the parents of three children: Thelma, Dorothy and Ruth. Mr. Amato, among other things, is interested in military affairs. He enlisted as a private in Company B of the Sixth Ohio Infantry in 1901, was made a sergeant in 1902, and in 1914 was elected captain of Company B, and is now first in command of that well known local military organization. He is also a member of the Sandusky Ad Club, of which he is chairman of the membership committee, and he has recently organized an Italian association for the enlightenment of his fellow countrymen and to afford the Italian newcomers better and broader views of American citizenship. Mr. Amato is also a member of the Sandusky Federated Commercial Club.

Clifford M. King. The particular service for which Clifford M. King is now identified with Erie County is as county surveyor. He is a very capable young civil engineer, a university man by training, and for more than ten years has followed his profession both at Sandusky and elsewhere.

A native of Erie County, he was born December 17, 1879, a son of E. B. and Emma King. His father was a native of Medina County, Ohio, and Clifford was the younger of two children.

As a boy he was reared in Sandusky and attended its public schools, besides Oberlin Academy. He entered the Western Reserve University at Cleveland and graduated after taking a four years' course, and also graduated from Cornell University with the class of 1904.

From 1904 to 1907 Mr. King was connected with the United States Reclamation Service, and for the years 1908 to 1911 he held the responsibilities of city engineer for Sandusky. In 1914 he was elected county surveyor and is now in his first term of office. He has brought to his present duties not only thorough technical equipment but varied and extensive experience.

Mr. King is affiliated with the Masonic Order in the various branches, including the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, also a member of the Sandusky Golf Club, the Sandusky Motor Boat Association, and is well known socially in the city. He is a republican in politics. On October 1, 1910, he married Miss Edith L. Davis of Sandusky.

W. P. Bittner. Though only thirty-five years of age, W. P. Bittner has reached an enviable position in Sandusky mercantile affairs, where he is secretary-treasurer of the Dilgart & Bittner Company, a concern which carries one of the finest stocks of furniture, carpets and stoves in Erie County. The establishment is a familiar one in the business district of Sandusky, being located at 530-532 Market Street.

Mr. Bittner is an example of the newspaper man who graduated in business affairs. He was born in Erie County, November 30, 1880, a son of C. C. and Selina (Knowlton) Bittner. His parents were also natives of Erie County, and the respective families have long been identified with this part of the country. The older of two children, W. P. Bittner as a boy attended the public schools at Sandusky, and had the privilege of a liberal education, being a graduate with the class of 1902 from the Ohio State University. Following that he took up the newspaper business, and was with the Journal and other local papers in Sandusky until 1905. In that year he became associated with W. H. Dilgart in the furniture business, and formed the partnership known as Dilgart & Bittner, which in 1909 was incorporated as the Dilgart & Bittner Company. Mr. Bittner became the secretary-treasurer, and his own hard work and ability have been important factors in making this concern well known to the trade.

Mr. Bittner is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and in politics is independent. On June 28, 1904, at Columbus, he married Miss Elizabeth Sanford. Their three children are named Helen, Sanford and Jane Bittner.

A. W. Link. Among the men whose activities have been responsible for the position of prestige Sandusky holds as a manufacturing and industrial center of Northern Ohio, A. W. Link is entitled to more than passing mention. His career was started when he was still a lad, and with only ordinary advantages he has worked his own way to prominence and independent financial circumstances. He was born in the city in which he now lives, September 22, 1863, and is a son of Erhart Link, who was an early settler of Erie County and for sixty years resided here, being engaged principally in the cooperage business. He died in 1906, having reared a family of ten children.

A. W. Link received only a common school education and was but twelve years of age when he began to contribute to the support of the family through his earnings as a laborer. He subsequently served an apprenticeship to the moulder's trade in a foundry at Sandusky, and after he had mastered his trade and had some experience therein he went to Cleveland, Ohio, remained there eight years and then went to Buffalo, New York, and became foreman of the Lake Erie Engineering Works. One year later he went to Erie, Pennsylvania, where for ten years he was superintendent of the Erie Foundry, and in September, 1904, returned to his native place and organized and established the Bay View Foundry Company, of which he has since been president and general manager. This institution turns out a high grade of grey iron castings and in addition operates a first class pattern establishment. Mr. Link was also one of the organizers of the Vim Motor Company, of which he is still a stockholder, and for six years was the president of this Sandusky concern. In each of his several undertakings he has shown his capacity for executive labors and the enterprises with which he has been connected have always borne a high reputation in business circles. Mr. Link's fraternal affiliations include membership in the Masons, in which he has attained to the council degree, in the Knights of Pythias and in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He belongs also to the Com-

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mercial Travelers Association of the State of Ohio. He is a member and director and for six years has held the clerkship of the Baptist Church, and belongs also to the Baraca class.

On April 31, 1890, Mr. Link was married to Miss Elizabeth Schaub, the daughter of Jacob S. Schaub, who was an early settler of Erie County, and to this union there have been born five children: Wilma K., Oliver P., Viola E., Irene L. and Ethel M.

James Flynn, Sr. One of the oldest business men in Sandusky is James Flynn, Sr. In the course of the past forty or fifty years his name has been closely associated with many of the leading enterprises in that city. He compiled the first complete set of abstract records covering Erie County, and for many years has been at the head of the Erie County Investment Company. The people have always had absolute confidence in James Flynn, and he has more than justified it. His entire career is a lesson in self-reliance, industry and integrity.

Born July 4, 1849, in Buffalo, New York, he is a son of John and Mary (Purcell) Flynn. His father, a native of Ireland, came to America with his family in 1846, and spent the first three years in the City of Buffalo. After living in other places he came to Sandusky in 1850. He was a millwright, carpenter and joiner by trade, and followed that occupation industriously to provide for his growing family until his death in 1869. He was one of the early carpenters and builders in Erie County, and among other examples of his work there might be mentioned the old West Hotel. In his time he was regarded as one of the best mechanics the county had, and he constructed a number of buildings in the City of Sandusky, a few of which are still standing in mute testimony to his skill. He was the father of a family of five children, three of whom are still living.

James Flynn, Sr., as a boy had none of the advantages which are conferred by wealth, and it was not his privilege even to secure a fair education. He never went to school after reaching the age of twelve, but sailed until thirty years of age. He laboriously learned to read and write, and by constant practice, by observation, and by experience has always been regarded as a well informed business man. It is action rather than knowledge that counts, and above all Mr. Flynn has been a man of action. His first regular work was done in a wheel shop in Sandusky, and his wages were eighteen cents a day. Later he became a sailor, and during 1864-65 was employed on Johnson's Island while that island was used by the Federal Government and cooked for a gang of 110 men.

In this and other ways he showed his ability, and when thirty years of age he was elected recorder of Erie County. He served six years, and kept the office in a routine of efficiency that completely justified the confidence of the people who elected him. Mr. Flynn has always been a stanch democrat.

After retiring from the recorder's office he compiled a complete set of abstracts for Erie County, and then organized the Erie Abstract & Investment Company. He vigorously continued that business under that title until 1904, when he organized and incorporated the Erie County Investment Company, of which he has since been president and treasurer. His son, James Flynn, Jr., is secretary.

This is only one of the various enterprises in Sandusky with which he has been identified. He was president of the American Banking & Trust Company for eight years and is now a director. The Erie County Investment Company conducts a large business not only in abstracts but in bonds and in fire insurance. He was one of the organizers and

promoters of the Cleveland and Sandusky Brewery and organized and promoted the Dayton Brewery Company, and has employed the energy and a part of the capital to various other undertakings.

Mr. Flynn is affiliated with Perseverance Lodge No. 329, F. & A. M., at Sandusky, with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. On May 1, 1886, he married, in Erie County, Miss Margaret Moos. Of their three children two are now living: James F., Jr., who is now prosecuting attorney for Erie County; and Lucile, nineteen years of age, at home.

Ferdinand J. Bing. One of the most popular of the county officials of Erie County is Ferdinand J. Bing, clerk of the Common Pleas Court. Having been born and reared in Erie County, he has been known by local citizens all his life, and everything he has done has reflected credit upon his energy, efficiency and honesty.

He was born April 15, 1882, a son of William and Barbara (Keenie) Bing. His father was also born in Sandusky, and the maternal line came originally from Baden, Germany. William Bing was for many years an active figure in local business circles, first as a carriage manufacturer and later as an ice dealer. He died March 8, 1911.

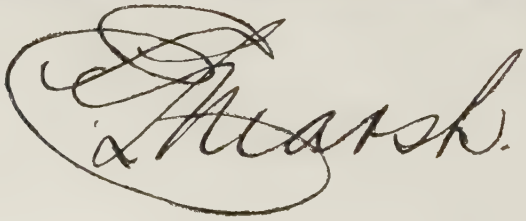
Ferdinand J. Bing was fourth in a family of seven children, and grew up at Sandusky, attended the grammar schools, followed by a course in the Sandusky Business College, and began his actual business practice in association with his father. He continued with his father in the ice business until 1908, at which time his father retired, and then, with his brother, the enterprise was continued under the name Bing Lake Ice Company. In 1913 that business was sold and about a year later, in 1914, Mr. Bing was elected to his present office as clerk of the Common Pleas Court of Erie County.

Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Sandusky Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, is a member of the Sandusky Ad Club, and in politics is a loyal republican, and has considerable influence in party affairs. On August 30, 1906, in Butler County, Ohio, Mr. Bing married Miss Amelia Wittman. They are the parents of two children: Ferdinand W., born August 14, 1907, and now in school; and Virginia B., born January 15, 1912.

Chester C. Hand. It is as a veteran in railroading circles that Chester C. Hand is best known in Sandusky. Mr. Hand has for several years been superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Docks at Sandusky, and it goes without question among those who know him best that his work has been performed with an efficiency that has meant the highest degree of service and has kept him year after year in this important responsibility.

A native son of Erie County, Chester C. Hand was born August 19, 1860, a son of Heman and Esther (Clary) Hand. His father, a native of New York State, came west some time during the decade of the '40s and located in Erie County, where, after a short time spent in farming, he took up the life of a sailor on the Great Lakes. For a number of years he was captain on a sailing vessel, and spent forty years in the lake marine.

Chester C. Hand, who was the youngest in the family, was educated in the public schools of Sandusky and completed a course in the Sandusky Business College. His first work was done as a printer, and for fourteen years he gained a more than passing acquaintance with the publishing business and most of those engaged in the newspaper profession at



Sandusky. During this fourteen years he was foreman with the Sandusky Register. He left that to take up railroad work with the Columbus & Sandusky Short Line Railroad. He served in the engineering department as superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Docks, and later as station agent and yard master, but in 1905 was restored to his former position as superintendent of the docks and now for ten years has steadily looked after the management of these large and valuable properties at Sandusky.

In religion Mr. Hand is a Catholic, is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, and in politics is a republican. He was married, in Erie County, to Miss Hannah O'Neal, a daughter of Dennis O'Neal. They are the parents of two children: Esther N. and Donald N.

Edward Lea Marsh. A member of a pioneer family of Erie County and one given to valuable and practical accomplishment, Edward Lea Marsh is by inheritance and training well equipped for the responsible position he holds in the business world of Northern Ohio. He belongs to the new and progressive class of business men, a departure from the accepted type of former years, having a degree of adaptability and public spirit seldom associated with his prototype of several decades ago. He relieves the arid and somewhat unchangeable routine of his labor with participation in politics, public life and society, in all of which he wields a sane and progressive influence.

Mr. Marsh was born at Sandusky, November 23, 1879, and is a son of E. H. Marsh, one of the early pioneers of Erie County, where he still resides. Edward L. Marsh received his early education in the public schools of Sandusky, following which he was sent to Saint Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, for his preparatory work, and subsequently to Yale University, where he was duly graduated. He began his career as a clerk in the establishment of Marsh & Company, Sandusky, of which his father was the head, serving three years in that capacity and then, June 1, 1907, being elected secretary and treasurer of the Bay View Foundry Company, offices which he still retains. He is likewise president of the Lea Realty Company, secretary and treasurer of the Marsh-Brightman Nut Company, and a director in the Citizens Banking Company, the Davis Boat Works Company and the Easiest Way Manufacturing Company. Mr. Marsh was formerly a director in the Lincoln Stove Company, and an organizer of the Gypsum Canning Company, of Gypsum, Ohio. He is also a member of the Cleveland Engineering Society, a member of the Berzelius Trust Association of Yale University, trustee of the Sandusky Federated Commercial Club and chairman of the industrial department, and vice president and director of the Sandusky Industrial Development Co.

At present Mr. Marsh is serving as a member of the Sandusky Board of Health, and as a member of that body is assisting other forceful and public-spirited citizens to maintain the health and sanitation of the municipality and its people. He was one of the charter commissioners who drafted the municipal charter of the City of Sandusky, and in every movement of any importance has given freely and generously of his services and abilities. For a number of years a stalwart republican, when the split came in 1912 he transferred his allegiance to Colonel Roosevelt and the new progressive party and in that year was a candidate for the office of elector on the so-called Moose ticket. For some years he has been a member of the Commercial Travelers' Association of the State of Ohio. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal Church, and at the present time is a member of the vestry of Grace Church, where he has been junior warder for three years and formerly vestryman

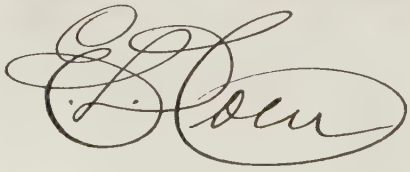
for ten years and director of the choir for three years. He has done much for charity and is now treasurer of the board of managers of the Good Samaritan Hospital. The children have always had a loyal and interested friend in Mr. Marsh, who is now treasurer of Sandusky Troop of the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Marsh was married October 15, 1902, to Miss Elizabeth D. G. Moss, who was born at Sandusky and was educated in the public schools of this city and at Miss Capen's School at Northampton, Massachusetts. Mrs. Marsh is one of the leaders in social and charitable circles of Sandusky, and is now acting vice president of the advisory board of the Good Samaritan Hospital. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Marsh: Elizabeth Griswold, Edward Lea, Jr., and Caroline Lane.

Edward M. Vietmeier. When he came to Sandusky, in 1905, Edward M. Vietmeier brought with him a wealth of experience, sound and thorough training, and a knowledge of the lumber business excelled by few men known to the trade in Ohio. He had held positions of importance with concerns of consequence, was about ready to enter business on his own account and was fully equipped in every way to successfully conduct an enterprise, and accordingly was hailed as a valuable addition to commercial circles. The years that have passed since his arrival have seen his development into one of the foremost men in his line in the city, and at present he is proprietor of the Sandusky Sash, Door and Lumber Company, a concern of considerable importance and magnitude.

Mr. Vietmeier was born December 8, 1861, at Newark, Licking County, Ohio, and is a son of Henry J. and Martha (Rieger) Vietmeier. His father, a native of Germany, came as a young man to America, landing at New Orleans, from whence he made his way to Cincinnati, and thence to Newark, Ohio. He passed the remaining years of his life there, and followed the trade of tailor, being a man of considerable ability, industry and thrift, as well as a citizen who had the respect and esteem of the people of his community. While he did not amass a fortune, he won a satisfying competence, reared his family in comfortable circumstances and gave his children good educational advantages.

The eighth in order of birth of his parents' fourteen children, Edward M. Vietmeier was educated in the parochial and high schools of Newark, where he was reared. Later he took a business course at the Iron City College, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and at the age of twenty years began his business career there and engaged in the insurance business. One year in this line convinced Mr. Vietmeier that it was neither a congenial nor a profitable field of endeavor for him, and he accordingly transferred his attention to the lumber and sawmill business at Brookville, Pennsylvania. From Brookville he went to Tarrentum, Pennsylvania, as manager of a retail concern. He subsequently entered the wholesale business at Pittsburgh, being vice president of the J. M. Hastings Lumber Company, wholesale lumber dealers of Pittsburgh. In the interests of this firm Mr. Vietmeier came to Sandusky in 1905 as general manager of the business they had purchased from the J. S. Bennett Lumber Co. In this capacity he remained until 1913, when, ready to enter business on his own account, and the opportunity presenting itself, he engaged in the trade by buying out the Hastings interests. Since that time he has operated under the style of Sandusky Sash, Door and Lumber Company. In addition to sash, doors and interior finish he handles lumber, lath and shingles, and has a steady and persistent call for his entire output at Sandusky and in the surrounding towns and villages. He has a modern planing mill and



warehouse and well appointed offices on Water Street, west of the Big Four Depot, where he has every facility for turning out a high grade of work. Few men in the lumber trade have more friends or are better known than Mr. Vietmeier, whose reputation as a business man of the strictest integrity is firmly established. Aside from his own particular enterprise he is interested elsewhere, being president and director of the J. J. Snider Lumber Company, of Columbus, Ohio, to the affairs of which he devotes one day each week; a director in the New Steelton Lumber Company, of that city, and a director of the Sun Lumber Company at Mount Vernon, Ohio. Mr. Vietmeier is a great lover of the horse and has been the owner of several animals, among them a number of racers in which Mr. Vietmeier has taken a quiet delight. One of his best known horses is "Precious Cresceus," with a trotting record of 2:15¼. As a citizen Mr. Vietmeier has always been foremost in supporting good and public-spirited movements in which the civic welfare is at stake.

On June 11, 1889, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mr. Vietmeier was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. McCann, and they have become the parents of four children, of whom three are living at this time: Mary F., who is now the wife of Dr. L. F. Meyers, a practicing dentist of Sandusky, Ohio; Edward Hastings, who is a student at the Ohio State University; and Martha M., who is attending the Sandusky High School. Mr. Vietmeier is a member of Sandusky Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; of the Sandusky Order of Fraternal Order of Eagles; the Knights of Columbus; the Catholic Order of Foresters, and the Catholic Mutual Benevolent Association.

Edward L. Coen. A prominent figure in Ohio banking affairs, and one specially influential in the furtherance of financial and other business activities in Erie County is Edward L. Coen, who has been the chief executive of The Erie County Banking Company of Vermilion during the entire period of its existence. He was formerly cashier of this solid and well ordered banking institution, and is now its first vice president. The greater part of his time and attention is still given to the direction of this bank, one of the best in Erie County.

Born in Fountain County, Indiana, January 24, 1864, Edward L. Coen is a son of William S. and Caroline (Hosler) Coen, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. His mother died in 1886. His father, now in venerable years, lives at Rensselaer, the county seat of Jasper County, Indiana, and celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday in 1915. His active years were given to agriculture and stock growing and he has long been a well known and honored citizen of Jasper County. The grandfather, John Coen, was an early settler in the State of Ohio.

Edward L. Coen was about three years old when his parents removed from Fountain County to Jasper County, Indiana, the new family home being a farm in Marion Township near Rensselaer. Thus he had the fine and wholesome discipline of the country during his boyhood and youth. His early educational advantages were those of the public schools of his home township and the high school at Rensselaer. He was a good student, made the most of his opportunities, and on reaching high school he did some very promising work for four years as a teacher in the country schools of his home county.

Soon after he reached his majority he went to Southwestern Kansas, and for nearly four years was engaged in the real estate and farm loan business. He was also one of the progressive citizens who founded the Town of Bucklin, Ford County, Kansas, during the late '80s. After leaving Kansas Mr. Coen spent a year in the general offices of the

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad in Chicago, and in April, 1891, came to Erie County, Ohio.

Here he effected the organization of The Erie County Bank of Vermilion. The following year this institution was incorporated as a state bank and the present title of The Erie County Banking Company was adopted. From that time to the present the practical management of the bank has devolved upon Mr. Coen, who is in many ways an exemplary banker and an expert financier. When the bank was organized he became cashier, a position he held until 1911. Since 1909 he has been first vice president, and has given the bank the benefit of his broad experience even after resigning his post as cashier.

Mr. Coen is also a recognized leader in Ohio banking circles. From 1907 to 1910 he served as secretary-treasurer of Group No. 6, and from 1910 to 1913 as chairman of Group No. 6 in the Ohio Bankers' Association. During his term as group chairman he was also a member of the council of administration and served as its chairman during 1913. He served as vice president of the Ohio Bankers' Association in 1914 and was honored as president of the association for the year 1915.

He was also the primary force in effecting the organization and incorporation of the Vermilion Telephone Company, of which he has been president and director since its organization. He is also a director and treasurer of the Gallia Telephone Company at Gallipolis in Gallia County.

Broad minded, liberal and public spirited, as a citizen Mr. Coen has always been found ready to give his co-operation and support to measures and enterprises tending to advance the general welfare of his home city and county. He has served fifteen years as a member of the Vermilion Board of Education, of which board he has been president for several years. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and he and his wife are valiant members of the Congregational Church in their home city. For fully twenty years he has served as a member of its board of trustees and has been chairman of the board a greater portion of the time. His course has been in all respects guided and governed by the highest principles of integrity, and this fact, combined with his unfailing courtesy and consideration, has gained him the high regard of his home community and of all with whom he has otherwise come in contact in a business or social way.

In 1893 Mr. Coen married Miss Cora S. Lawless. She was born and reared at Vermilion, and is a daughter of Capt. James Lawless and Laura E. (Harris) Lawless, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Coen are the parents of two sons. Edward M. is a member of the class of 1918 in Yale University at New Haven, Connecticut. Clarence L. died at the age of four and half years.

John L. Sherod. In 1911 the Sherod family celebrated the centennial of its coming to Erie County. A year before the outbreak of the second war against Great Britain, and several years before Commodore Perry gained his triumph on Lake Erie against the British fleet, the Sherods pushed their way through the wilderness and established a rude home on the shores of the lake in Vermilion Township. Three successive generations have occupied and tilled the soil in that locality and John L. Sherod is now a prosperous farmer and fruit grower on land which was once his grandfather's.

The Sherods were Pennsylvania people and Mr. Sherod's grandparents were both natives of that state. His grandfather was a millwright by trade, and on coming to Northern Ohio he established a mill on Sherod Creek, a little stream in Vermilion Township named in honor

of his enterprise. Here he and his wife spent all their days on the farm which they had acquired from the Government. Their land had a frontage on the lake shore of eighty rods. Both lived here for about forty years, and died during the decade of the '50s when quite old people. They were Presbyterians in religion, and the grandfather was first a federalist and later a whig. He was the pioneer miller in this section of Erie County, though there was no Erie County by name for a dozen years after he arrived. They had one of the first homes in this wilderness region. Their log cabin was surrounded by the great trees of the native forest, by the wild grasses, and on the north it looked out upon the dancing waters of the lake. Wild game of all kinds abounded, and venison was a regular part of their diet. Wild turkeys were also to be found everywhere in the woods, and it was necessary to protect the hogs by heavy log pens in order that the bears might not devour them. The Sherod family has many interesting distinctions in Erie County. The son John was the first white child born in Vermilion Township.

Jacob Sherod, father of John L., was about three years of age when the family came to Erie County. He was born in Pennsylvania, January 20, 1808, but his first conscious recollections were of the wilderness which surrounded the Sherod home in Vermilion Township. He was reared to manhood, having little education so far as schools were concerned, but practiced himself in all the arts and accomplishments of the frontier. He succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead on which his father had constructed a stone house only a few yards from the lake shore. A great many years ago the site of that home was washed away by the waters of the lake, the lake shore being now five or six rods south of where it was originally. Jacob subsequently built a home of his own farther from the lake beach, and that house is now occupied by his son, John L. It is a substantial old home, and is surrounded by a tract of very fine farming land, especially adapted for fruit growing.

Jacob Sherod died in this locality December 6, 1872. He was a stanch republican, and a man who took a commendable interest in local affairs. He was married in Vermilion Township to Miss Elizabeth Baumhart. She was born in Germany, May 7, 1823, and had come with her parents to the United States on a sailing vessel which required eight weeks to make the voyage. They arrived in Vermilion Township about 1829. Her father was Elias Baumhart, who died in Erie County when about eighty years of age, having followed farming all his practical career. Elizabeth Baumhart died at the home of her son John February 6, 1905. Both she and her husband were members of the Presbyterian Church, but later, with their children, they became Congregationalists, and died in that faith. Jacob Sherod was a deacon in the church for many years. By his first marriage to a Miss Sherod, Jacob Sherod had three children. One of these, George, is still living and resides in Los Angeles, California. The children by the second marriage were William E., Henry M., Albert, John L., James F., Edward M., Ermina, Martha, Catherine and Hattie. William and Albert are now deceased, and the daughters Ermina and Martha are also dead.

John L. Sherod was reared and educated in Vermilion Township and attended the public schools which were maintained here during his early youth. After the death of his father he took over twenty-five acres of the land which had belonged successively to his grandfather and father, and in this one locality he has spent all his years with the exception of six when he was a resident of Cleveland, and followed his trade as carpenter and also was a sailor on the lakes. He had learned his trade in Vermilion Township. During the winters he worked at carpentry in Cleveland, and during the summer seasons was on the Great Lakes. He

first served before the mast and subsequently was first mate and finally master of one of the old lake boats. On leaving the vocation of sailor he returned to his farm, and has since conducted general agricultural operations and fruit growing, having all varieties of fruit which thrive along the lake shore. For six years he has kept open house to summer boarders from May to November.

On December 28, 1887, in Vermilion Township, Mr. Sherod married Miss Sarah Ann Risden. She was born in this township November 28, 1862, and was reared and educated here. She is a sister of Almor G. Risden, to whom reference is made on other pages, including a sketch of the well known Risden family. Mr. and Mrs. Sherod have the following children: Bessie A., who graduated from the Vermilion High School and is now a teacher in the primary schools of Vermilion Village and is living at home; Charity May, who graduated from the Vermilion High School with the class of 1908 and it at home; Lawrence D., who completed his education in high school and is assisting his father on the farm. The family attend the Congregational Church and the daughters are active workers in church organizations. Mr. Sherod is a republican, and at the present time is filling the office of township assessor.

Frederick Ohlemacher. It was due to the enterprise of Frederick Ohlemacher that the first lime kiln was established in Erie County. Mr. Ohlemacher represents a sturdy German family that located in Erie County more than fifty years ago, but his own early life was spent to a large extent in Illinois, and he fought with an Illinois regiment in the Civil war. For the past fifty years his home has been in Sandusky and he was actively engaged in business here until a few years ago, and is now enjoying a well earned retirement.

Born September 16, 1840, in Germany, Mr. Ohlemacher is a son of Henry and Catherine Ohlemacher. The family emigrated to the United States when Frederick was a small boy, and in 1854 they located in Sandusky. Henry Ohlemacher spent the rest of his life in Sandusky and died there in 1873. He was the father of ten children, of whom Frederick was the eighth in order of birth.

Frederick Ohlemacher acquired his early education in the schools of Germany. He also attended grammar school in Sandusky for a time after coming to that city. He was about fifteen years of age when in 1855 he took his first regular employment working in a restaurant in Sandusky, but two years later he left here and went to Cincinnati and was employed in a wholesale book store a year. His next location was in Aurora, Illinois, where he was employed in the railroad shops and learned the trade of cabinet maker. He continued there until the spring of 1861. He then enlisted at the first call for troops to put down the rebellion, going out in the three months' service as a non-commissioned officer in the Seventh Illinois Infantry, Company F. At the expiration of the three months he was discharged as a non-commissioned officer. Returning home he soon re-enlisted as first lieutenant in the First Arkansas Cavalry, Company E, and he remained in the Union army, participating in many campaigns, until the spring of 1863, and on account of disability resigned and returned to Aurora.

In Aurora he resumed his work as cabinet maker in the car shops, but in 1865 he bought a brick yard and lime kiln, which he conducted until the fall of 1866. He then sold out his interests in Illinois and came to Sandusky, where he erected the first lime kiln ever put up in the city. This was the industry with which his name was most familiarly associated and which he conducted successfully from 1867 to 1899. He then sold the property, and since 1899 has been largely retired from

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active responsibilities, though he is still a stockholder in various banks and has a number of business interests here.

Mr. Ohlemacher has also taken a prominent part as a citizen and from 1885 to 1889 was a member of the Ohio State Legislature, and while there was instrumental in securing the location of the Soldiers' Home at Sandusky. Fraternally he has been identified with the Masonic Order for fifty-four years, and is affiliated with the lodge, the Royal Arch Chapter and the Council. In politics he is a democrat.

On January 1, 1862, at Aurora, Illinois, he married Miss Clementine Groch. To their union were born seven children, namely: Lillian, born April 8, 1864; Albert, born October 2, 1866; Cora, born December 25, 1868; Fred, born October 11, 1870; Emma, born in 1872 and died aged sixteen years; Eda, born June 19, 1877, and Norma, born February 5, 1879.

Henry Clay Strong. A native of Erie County, one who went out in the flower of young manhood and gave three years' of service to the Union during the Civil war, for half a century identified with business affairs, Henry Clay Strong in more recent years has helped to promote Sandusky's prosperity in the motor manufacturing field. He is now the executive head of the Ohio Motor Company of Sandusky.

Among those men who were born in Erie County nearly three-quarters of a century ago few have been such efficient factors in varied lines as Henry Clay Strong. He was born October 4, 1841, a son of Lyman E. and Calista Lucinda (Nims) Strong, the former a native of New York State and the latter of Massachusetts. As a boy he had his home in different sections of Ohio, and attended the common schools of Plymouth, Richland and Huron counties. He was not twenty years of age when the Civil war broke out, and for a number of years had been earning his way as clerk in a store. He enlisted, May 28, 1862, in Company B of the Eighty-eighth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers for the three months' service. He became first corporal in the company. Immediately after his first term expired he re-enlisted as a member of Company D in Hoffman's Battalion, Ohio Volunteers, and was appointed second sergeant. In December, 1863, the Hoffman Battalion was enlarged to a regiment and was subsequently known as the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. With this command he became commissary sergeant, and on May 9, 1864, was commissioned first lieutenant and regimental quartermaster, and also acted as commandant for a short period of Company G. In that capacity he remained with his regiment until the close of the war, and was finally mustered out at Camp Chase, Columbus, July 13, 1865. He belongs to both the Grand Army of the Republic and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

On returning from the war Mr. Strong located at Sandusky, and in December, 1865, was appointed paymaster for the Sandusky, Dayton & Cincinnati Railroad Company, with headquarters in the former city. From July, 1868, until January, 1874, he was a traveling salesman, representing a wholesale lumber house at Sandusky. On January 1, 1874, in partnership with John S. Fleek, he engaged in the wholesale grocery business at Newark, Ohio. For nearly twenty years he had his home in Newark, and helped to build up the business to one of large proportions and success. On January 1, 1893, the firm of Fleek, Strong & Company was dissolved, and because of ill health Mr. Strong was then out of active business for seven years.

In 1897 he returned to his former influential position in commercial affairs as one of the organizers of the Ohio Motor Company at Sandusky,

of which he has since been president. This company manufactures an extensive line of gasoline engines, and its product is known as standard throughout the country. Mr. Strong has had his home in Sandusky since 1893. He is a director in the Coshocton National Bank of Coshocton, Ohio, of which he was also one of the organizers; is vice president of the Bay View Foundry Co., of Sandusky, Ohio, and is interested in a number of other manufacturing enterprises.

On September 21, 1865, he married Miss Mary Harper. They had one son, Harper Lyman Strong, who was born May 8, 1880, and died April 9, 1881. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Strong lived alone, but on June 2, 1909, they legally adopted William Henry Spencer, a son of Mr. Strong's sister. This adopted son has since borne the family name of Strong and is now one of Sandusky's able business men and is vice president and treasurer of the Ohio Motor Company. He married Miss Rena La Dow, of Plymouth, Ohio, and they have two children, Mary and George Henry.

Edward D. Gibson. A man of sterling character and distinctive business ability, Mr. Gibson marked the passing years with worthy achievement, and was one of the representative merchants and honored and influential citizens of the Village of Birmingham, Florence Township, at the time of his death, which here occurred on the 31st of March, 1905, since which time his widow has successfully continued the business which he here established and developed.

Mr. Gibson was born in Rush Township, Lorain County, on the 6th of July, 1854, and thus his death occurred about four months prior to his fifty-first birthday anniversary. He was a son of Dow and Mary (Johnson) Gibson, natives of Ohio and representatives of well known pioneer families of this state. The first wife of Dow Gibson bore the maiden name of Mary Scott, and she died in Lorain County, being survived by seven children. After his marriage to Miss Mary Johnson Dow Gibson was for some time a resident of the City of Cleveland, later removed with his family to the State of Michigan, where he remained several years, and finally he established his home in the little village of Ogontz, Florence Township, Erie County, Ohio, where his wife died at the age of sixty-five years and where he lived to attain to the venerable age of seventy-six years, the subject of this memoir having been the eldest of their three children. Dow Gibson became well known in this section of the state as a breeder of and dealer in horses, and he was a citizen whose popularity was of unequivocal order, his political support having been given to the democratic party.

Edward D. Gibson was reared to manhood in Erie County and was afforded the advantages of the public schools of the Village of Berlin Heights. He was identified with agricultural pursuits and other lines of business enterprises at various periods of his earlier independent career, and in August, 1902, he established himself in the retail hardware and grocery business at Birmingham, his wife assisting him in the operation and management of the store thereafter until his death, since which time she has continued the enterprise with unqualified success. Mrs. Gibson has developed admirable business acumen and executive ability, and gives her personal supervision to all details of the large and substantial business of which she has the supervision, her well equipped establishment having a frontage of twenty-six feet and its stock in all departments being kept up to a high standard, so that the service always meets the requirements and demands of the substantial and appreciative patronage. She is a woman of gracious personality, considerate and kindly in all of the relations of life, and her circle of friends is limited

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only by that of her acquaintances. She is prominent in the social life of the community and her attractive home is known for its generous hospitality.

In Monroe County, Michigan, in the year 1876, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Gibson to Miss Carrie Billmire, who was born in that county on the 16th of December, 1860, and who was there reared and educated. She is a daughter of John and Carrie Billmire, who were born and reared in the State of New York, where their marriage was solemnized, and who became pioneer settlers in Monroe County, Michigan, where Mr. Billmire improved a fine farm. This old homestead continued to be their place of residence until their death, the mother having been sixty-five years of age at the time of her demise and the father having attained to the venerable age of eighty-one years. They became the parents of five children, and of the three now living Mrs. Gibson is the only one residing in Ohio. Mr. Gibson was survived by one child, Matilda May, who was born in the year 1879, and the maximum bereavement in the lives of her devoted parents was when she was called to the life eternal, on the 29th of February, 1901. She was a young woman of fine intellectuality and of the most gentle and winning personality, so that she was loved by all who came within the sphere of her influence. She was afforded the advantages of a thorough course in the Northwestern Ohio Normal School at Ada, Hardin County, and during the last five years of her life was a successful and popular teacher in the public schools of the Village of Birmingham.

James S. Hanson, M. D. For the past twenty-two years Dr. James S. Hanson has enjoyed rank with the most capable physicians and surgeons of Erie County. His home during this time has been in Sandusky, and he came to this city with a splendid equipment and training for the profession to which he has given the best years of his life.

A native of Canada, Dr. James S. Hanson was born June 19, 1868, in London, a son of Dr. Henry Hanson, who was a very prominent physician and surgeon of London, Canada. Dr. James S. was educated in the Wesleyan College in London, Canada, and took his degree in medicine from the Detroit College of Medicine at Detroit, and pursued post-graduate studies in the St. Thomas Hospital in London, England.

His first two years in practice were spent in London, Canada, and from there, in 1903, he moved to Sandusky, where he has since built up a large and profitable practice. Doctor Hanson is well known in social as well as in professional circles, and belongs to many of the leading clubs and organizations. He is a member of the American Medical Association, of the Pediatric Society, and is a director in the Columbus Mutual Life Insurance Company. His church is the Episcopal, and in politics he is a republican. In 1906-08 Doctor Hanson was interested in a circuit of theaters known as the Hanson & Albaugh Circuit, having nine located from Youngstown to Tiffin, Ohio.

In 1904, at Sandusky, Doctor Hanson married Miss Bessie Arnold. They have one son, James Stephen Hanson, born January 13, 1912.

William Diels. For many years a well known business man in Sandusky, William Diels is a native of Germany, and his success is to be credited entirely to his own industry and persistence.

Born February 20, 1868, in Germany, he came to America when a young man, locating first in Huron County, Ohio. For three years he was employed as a common farm hand and then worked for a time in Salem, Ohio, and in Cleveland, and then became clerk with the Hartman

Manufacturing Company of Sandusky. He remained in their employ for nine years, and then went with the wholesale liquor establishment of August Gunther, with whom he remained four years. He continued in the same line of business for Mr. Zimmerman, but in 1901 engaged in the wholesale and retail liquor business at Sandusky on his own account, and that is his present line.

He is a democrat and is affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Mr. Diels married Miss Martha Pfiel, born August 28, 1869. Their two children are Anna, born December 2, 1891, and Laura, born January 3, 1894.

Harley B. Gibbs. Prominent in business and financial circles at Cleveland for many years, Harley B. Gibbs, whose home is in the Village of Milan, is related to many of the names that have borne a useful and influential share in the development of Northern Ohio for nearly a century.

He is a descendant of Giles Gibbs, who came to America from England as early as 1645, landing at Dorchester Bay, Massachusetts, and later becoming an early settler at Windsor, Connecticut. Many of his descendants were identified with Norwalk, Connecticut, and later with Norwalk, Ohio. The line of descent, beginning with Giles, is continued through Samuel I, Samuel II, Samuel III, Samuel R. IV, Edward H. and Harley B. Samuel R. Gibbs married Deborah Hanford, who was also of a New England family for generations resident in Connecticut. The marriage of Samuel R. and wife took place in Norwalk, Connecticut, and their son, Edward H., was born there in 1812. Only a few years later, about 1818, the family came out to Ohio. Samuel was accompanied by his brother David and family, and they made the journey with ox and horse teams, the entire distance overland. The Erie Canal had not yet been opened and the rough roads and trails furnished the only practicable means of coming to the West at that time. The families camped by the wayside as night overtook them, and after many days of journeying settled at Norwalk, Ohio, where a great many people from the Connecticut locality of the same name established pioneer homes. Samuel and David took up a section of land in that vicinity, and part of that ground is now occupied by the Woodland Cemetery and the waterworks of Norwalk. As pioneers they opened homes in the wilderness and gradually extended their farming operations. Samuel had conducted a mercantile business back in Norwalk, Connecticut. He and his wife in time acquired a beautiful home at Norwalk, and he died there in the '50s, and she passed away in 1863, when eighty years of age. She was a Methodist and very strict and devout. In politics he was a whig. Samuel R. and Deborah Gibbs had three sons and eight daughters. It should also be mentioned that another ancestor of Harley B. Gibbs was a Major Gibbs, who served on the staff of General Washington during the Revolution, and later became private secretary to President Washington.

Edward H. Gibbs, who was six years old when the family made their journey to Ohio in 1818, grew up on the pioneer farm and gained such education as local means in instruction could then supply. About 1844 he established his home at Milan, and, associated with Mr. Comstock, started a general store there. The firm prospered and was subsequently reorganized as Gibbs & Graham. During the financial depression which occurred in 1857 the firm liquidated, and Mr. Graham afterwards went south and became a colonel in the Confederate army. Edward H. Gibbs subsequently transferred his business affairs to Norwalk, and died there in the spring of 1872. He was a man of affairs, and well known in the adjoining counties.

He was married in Norwalk to Maria Louise Brownell. She was born in Ovid, New York, in 1815. She was related to the well known Connecticut family of Brownell, including Bishop Brownell of the Diocese of Connecticut. Another relative was Corporal Brownell, who was with Colonel Ellsworth's command in the capture of Alexandria, across the Potomac from Washington, at the beginning of the Civil war, and is distinguished in history as the man who killed the hotel proprietor Jackson who had shot Colonel Ellsworth. Maria Louise Gibbs died in 1869 while in Chicago. Her parents were Pardon and Nancy Purdy Brownell, both natives of Ovid, New York, where they spent their lives. Mrs. Edward H. Gibbs was active in the Presbyterian Church at Milan, and her husband attended the same congregation. In politics he was a republican. In their family were five children: Elizabeth, who died in 1912, married William Lewis, also now deceased, and her son, Fred C., is now married and lives in Chicago, and her daughter, Mary Elizabeth, is the wife of Fred W. Harlow of Louisville, Kentucky. The second child, Edward H., Jr., died in infancy, and the third was also named Edward H., Jr. He died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1907; he married Helen Stuart of Milan, and she and her only son, Ralph, now live in Pittsburgh. The next in age is Harley B. Platt P., the youngest, is a music publisher in Chicago, and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Reid, died in 1915, leaving a son, Herbert P., who is now married and has three children.

Harley Brownell Gibbs, who was born in his father's home at Milan, March 13, 1849, acquired his early education in the local public schools and had a brief experience as clerk in a local store before entering the Bryant & Stratton Business College at Chicago, from which he graduated. For six years he was bookkeeper in a commission house at Chicago, and in 1871, on the organization of the King Bridge Company of Cleveland, he went to that city as shipping clerk for the company. Subsequently he became a stockholder, director and treasurer in the company, and was actively identified with those interests for forty years. In 1890, associated with a number of Cleveland business men, including Zenas King, Charles A. Otis, Dan P. Eells, John M. Gundry and others, he assisted in organizing the Lake Shore Bank of that city. He is one of the four directors who have been on the board constantly for twenty-five years, and through all that time has held the position of vice president.

Mr. Gibbs lives six months of the year at Winter Park, Florida, and the other six months of the year at his home on Elm Street in Milan.

In Masonry Mr. Gibbs is affiliated with all the important bodies of that order at Cleveland, including Tyrian Lodge No. 307, A. F. & A. M.; Royal Arch Chapter No. 148, Cleveland Council, Oriental Commandery of the Knights Templar, Lake Erie Consistory, and Al Koran Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Union Club, the Roadside Club and the Euclid Club of Cleveland, the New England Society of Cleveland, the Firelands Historical Society of Norwalk, Ohio, and the Ohio Society of New York City.

In 1878 Mr. Gibbs married Miss Emma Johnson of Hudson, Ohio. She died in 1894 at the age of forty-two. She was a daughter of Enoch Johnson, formerly superintendent of the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus Railway Company. Mrs. Gibbs left no children.

In 1912 Mr. Gibbs married Mrs. Nellie Standart Hobbs. Her former husband, Fred Hobbs, was born in South Berwick, Maine, in 1859, and died in 1908. Mrs. Gibbs is a daughter of George H. and a granddaughter of Needham M. Standart. Her grandfather was born September 9, 1797, in Massachusetts, and in 1818 came to Milan, Ohio. Here he became prominent in the great grain industry which at that

time centered at Milan, and it is said that in the high tide of the business Milan was the second greatest grain market in the world. Needham M. Standart was associated in this business with his brothers-in-law, Daniel and Thomas Hamilton. This firm shipped great quantities of grain from Milan. In 1836 Mr. Standart went to Cleveland, and his business operations made him one of the commercial leaders in that city. For many years he shipped grain under the firm name of Whitman & Standart, and his firm as an experiment during the late '30s shipped a full schooner load of wheat by way of the Welland Canal to Liverpool, England. This was a new venture at the time, though there is no record that the firm followed it up. Under the same firm name they also did business as private bankers in Cleveland for a number of years. Needham M. Standart died December 4, 1877.

George Henry Standart, father of Mrs. Gibbs, was born in Milan, May 17, 1829, and died in the State of Colorado April 17, 1898. In 1858 he married Miss Myra Allen. She was a lineal descendant of Ebenezer Allen, a cousin of Ethan Allen, whose exploits during the Revolutionary war are familiar to every American school boy. She was a woman of many noble and beautiful traits and qualities of character. Her death occurred some time before that of her husband, on August 9, 1887, at Cleveland. Myra Allen was born January 28, 1831. George H. Standart had a brother, Capt. William Standart, who was commander of the Standart Battery at McMinnville, Tennessee, and made a gallant record in the Civil war. Another brother was Judge Charles W. Standart, who is now living at San Antonio, Texas. Mrs. Gibbs had a sister, Lucy A., who married Charles S. Wilgus, who was born February 4, 1865, and died suddenly April 9, 1893. Her brother, Henry Needham Standart, is an expert public accountant of Cleveland, is married, but has no children. Mrs. Gibbs is a charter member of Sally De Forest Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Norwalk. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs are members of the Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Gibbs is a republican.

Edward Ward. For nine years the administration of the municipality of Kelley's Island has been under the direction of Edward Ward, mayor. That is not the only important relation Mr. Ward has sustained to the life and affairs of that distinctive portion of Erie County. He is related with one of the very earliest families of the island, and both he and his people have been identified with the industry of grape culture on the island ever since it was established on a commercial scale.

On every side can be pointed out important improvements made in the village during Mr. Ward's mayoralty. The streets and sidewalks have come in for much of the attention and expenditure under the Ward administration, and particular pains has been taken to keep the streets and the village clean and sanitary. Mayor Ward was the one who inaugurated the custom of oiling the streets and keeping up the roads as standard for automobile traffic. Another improvement which has been much appreciated was the adding of a comfort station to the town hall.

Edward Ward was born on Kelley's Island, a son of Edmond and Charlotte (Titus) Ward. His father was born in New York State and came to Erie County in 1845, locating on Kelley's Island, where he rented a small farm from the Kelley estate. Charlotte Titus, who became the wife of Edmond Ward after his arrival on the island, belonged to a family that was among the very earliest permanent inhab-

itants of Kelley's Island. After his marriage Edmond Ward began in a small way to be interested in grape culture, and in 1859 he planted a vineyard to which he devoted his best energies from that time until his death. He was one of the stockholders in the Kelley's Island Vineyard Company. In early life he was a whig and afterwards a republican. There were eight children, and Edward was the seventh in order of birth.

His youth and early manhood were spent on the old home in Kelley's Island, and when he arrived at his thirtieth year his father gave him a piece of land in his own name. There he started his grape growing, and he now owns a profitable vineyard of six acres, and also rents another vineyard of similar extent. Mr. Ward is a practical vineyardist, and the grapes and other products from his vineyard have for years been distributed in the general markets. Mr. Ward resides in a beautiful residence fronting the lake channel.

He is also a director in the Kelley's Island Dock and Steamboat Company. For a good many years he has been one of the active leaders of the republican party on Kelley's Island and in the county at large. In his home community besides his work as mayor he has served as street commissioner three years; chairman of the school board three years; for four years held the postoffice on the island under Harrison's administration; and for seven years was in the custom house service as collector of Kelley's Island ports. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Maccabees and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

On November 21, 1887, Mr. Ward married Miss Jennie Duysing. Her father is Adolph Duysing. They have one son, Stewart A., born March 24, 1891.

George M. Muehlhauser. The tendency to shift the heaviest business responsibilities upon the shoulders of the younger generation is quite well illustrated in Sandusky, where many of the hardest working and most successful business men are hardly yet in their forties. One of these is George M. Muehlhauser, who though only a little past thirty-five have been more or less closely associated with business concerns in Sandusky for twenty years. He is now proprietor of one of the largest garage and automobile repair and accessories establishments in the county.

He was born in Sandusky, March 10, 1879, a son of C. A. and Elizabeth (Fettel) Muehlhauser. His father, a native of Germany, came to America in 1876 alone. He was married in Sandusky several years after he located there. He was a cabinet maker by trade, and worked for one company, the George R. Butler & Company, for twenty-two years. He had all the thoroughness of the typical German, and was equally expert in many of the most difficult departments of cabinet making. Later he was associated with the Sandusky Furniture Company five years, and in 1898 he organized the Sandusky Fixture Company, and remained with that concern for three years. After the business was sold he organized the Swessinger Manufacturing Company and became its superintendent, an office he filled for five years. Since then he has had his home in Cleveland, and is now superintendent of a large Cleveland furniture house.

George M. Muehlhauser, who was the older of a family of two children, received his early education in the public schools of Sandusky. Quite early in life he started regular employment under his father in the furniture business. After six months there he was connected with the old Sandusky Furniture Company until 1896, and then spent a

year with the A. B. Conradi & Caswell Company. This firm failed in business, and the concern was then carried on by Mr. Caswell for a short time, and young Muehlhauser was in the service of Mr. Caswell up to 1899. In that year the new firm of Franz & Hines, organizers of the Sandusky Automobile Co., came into existence, and Mr. Muehlhauser became foreman, an office he held until 1905.

In that year he organized the Dunbar Manufacturing Company and in 1906 became its superintendent, remaining in that capacity until 1908. In that year Mr. Muehlhauser organized the Ogontz Garage, of which he has since become sole proprietor. This is a large garage, furnishing a very reliable service for Sandusky and environs. In connection there is conducted a large repair shop, with ample storage room and sales rooms. Mr. Muehlhauser handles the local agency for the Cadillac and Reo cars.

In politics he is independent, and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Foresters and United Commercial Travelers, Sandusky Council. On June 25, 1900, he married Miss Susan Eckler of Sandusky. To their marriage were born four children: August C., Mildred, Junior George and Wesley.

JOHN E. STANG. In his rise from the position of day laborer to that of directing head of one of the largest industries of its kind in the state: from modest circumstances and obscurity to financial independence and prominence, and from the grind of daily manual toil to a position where his tastes may be gratified in participation in congenial occupations. John E. Stang has exemplified the value of the homely virtues of industry, perseverance and honorable dealing. He started his career with but few advantages; no fortuitous circumstances aided him in his struggle for the attainment of position; but hard, continued and unabating work brought its reward, and as vice president and general manager of the Cleveland-Sandusky Brewing Company, of Sandusky, Mr. Stang has an assured position among business men of this part of Northern Ohio.

Mr. Stang was born December 10, 1860, in Monroeville, Huron County, Ohio, and is a son of Peter A. and Lena (Hannen) Stang. His father was born in Germany and was brought to America by his parents when a mere lad, the family locating in Huron County, Ohio, about eighty years ago. There Peter A. Stang was reared and educated and adopted the vocation of farming, continuing to be engaged in agricultural operations during the remaining years of his active life. In connection with this occupation, in his early years he followed the blacksmith trade, but as his farming interests grew he gradually gave up the trade. He died at the age of eighty-six years, one of the substantial men of his community. In the family there were three sons and two daughters, all of whom survive.

John E. Stang was educated in the parochial and district schools of Huron County and at Saint Mary's Institute, Dayton, Ohio. After completing his course at the latter institution, he returned to the home farm, where he remained for one year, and then, with his brother, Frank Stang, came to Sandusky and embarked in the brewing business. At the start he did the work of a day laborer, but subsequently was advanced to the position of traveling salesman for the concern, which was operated under the name of the Stang Brewing Company. He continued to act in this capacity for twenty-seven years, during which time he formed a wide acquaintance among business men all over the state, and in 1890, when his brother withdrew from the concern, John

John E. Stang.

E. Stang was elected president. The business under his management grew and developed to important proportions, and in 1896 was consolidated with the Kuebler Brewing Company, then assuming the name of the Kuebler & Stang Brewing Company, of which Mr. Stang became vice president. Two years later the business was sold to the Cleveland-Sandusky Brewing Company, and Mr. Stang was made vice president and manager of the new concern, and of the brewery operated at Cleveland. This company now controls and operates fifteen branches, all of which are under the general management of Mr. Stang. It is one of the largest and most important industries of its kind in the state and much of its success must be attributed to the foresight, energy, acumen and business experience of its vice president and manager.

During the thirty-seven years of his residence at Sandusky, Mr. Stang has been an important factor in many activities outside of the immediate field of his business. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles and is decidedly popular with the members of these fraternities. Always an unswerving democrat, he was the candidate of his party for state senator about ten years ago, but the issue of the three-cent railroad fare operated against him and he was defeated by a small vote. During the ten years that he served as a member of the Sandusky City Council he was instrumental in securing the passage of a number of ordinances which have aided the city in its development, and at all times he has been an ardent and generous supporter of worthy and beneficial movements. A number of leading business enterprises owe their existence to his abilities and efforts. He is a director in the Citizens Bank of Sandusky and of the First National Bank of Oak Harbor, Ohio.

Mr. Stang was married in 1873 at Sandusky, to Miss Mary Westerhold, and of the seven children born to this union four are now living: Charles J., Florence, Roland and Arnold.

John W. Holland. One of the oldest of the old-timers of Sandusky is John W. Holland. His career has been stretched out to a magnificent length, and his experiences cover the various activities and life of Sandusky since the very early times.

He was born October 15, 1824, in Montreal, Canada, and in 1832 came to the United States with his parents. His father, also named John Wesley Holland, who married Mary Kent, was born in Ireland, emigrated from there to Canada, and on coming to the United States located in Sandusky. Sandusky in 1832 was a very small village. Various descriptions of the town as it was about that time have been reproduced in the first pages of this publication. The Holland family came to Sandusky down the lake on boat from Buffalo, and John W. Holland often told his friends and members of the family that they did not stop at Cleveland because the prospects of acquiring a fortune in a rapidly developing town did not appear as flattering there as at Sandusky. Mr. Holland's father was a carpenter by trade and he followed that vocation until his death in 1852. There were seven children in the family, five girls and two boys.

John W. Holland is the only one now surviving. He had a very limited education in the district schools, and acquired most of his learning by practical experience. When a boy he left his own home to live with a brother-in-law, who taught him the trade of painter, and he continued to work under this relative for seven years. Having completed his apprenticeship he was then offered work as a journeyman, but he steadfastly declined any such proposition, and never throughout his career except while serving his apprenticeship did he work for others.

That independent spirit was the dominant characteristic of his active career. As a painter and decorator he continued in active business at Sandusky until about seventeen years ago, when he retired.

His interests in the meantime had extended to various other affairs in Erie County. During the '50s he was engaged for two years in the fish business in partnership with a Mr. Bear under the firm name of Holland & Bear. In 1866 he bought a vineyard and gave his attention for four years to the growing of grapes at Put-In-Bay. Fifty years ago grapes brought eight cents a pound, while they now sell for only two cents a pound. Grape culture was profitable under such conditions, and Mr. Holland acquired considerable revenue from his brief experience in that industry. One success led to another with him, and his friends say that he never turned his attention to anything without making a success of it. Many years ago he accumulated sufficient property for all the needs of himself and family, and has long been in independent circumstances.

In early life he was a whig voter, and then joined the republican party, and has been one of its stanchest adherents. However, politics has never been a personal interest with him, and he has used his influence only on behalf of good government and for the election of his friends. For three years he held the office of city assessor in Sandusky, and this was the only official honor he ever would accept. His church membership has been with the Congregational denomination, and he contributed liberally to all its working departments.

Mr. Holland was twice married. In 1849 he married Eliza Gustin. She died leaving three children, all of whom are now deceased, except Jay K. Holland, who lives in Sandusky, Ohio. In 1860 he married Miss Susan Ainslie of Sandusky. To this union were born four children, and the three now living are Harry, Mary and Mabel. Mabel has been a successful teacher in the public schools of Cleveland for a number of years.

Paul Miller. A Sandusky business man whose generous prosperity and success had very meager beginnings, Paul Miller first became identified with Erie County more than forty years ago in mercantile lines. His name is widely known both in a business capacity and for his active participation in public affairs.

His birth occurred April 8, 1853, near the famous Bingen-on-the-Rhine in Germany. When fifteen years of age he came alone to America. That was in 1868. His first location was at Columbia City, Indiana, where he was employed in a dry goods store, working hard and long hours for $5 a month and board. He kept at that one year, and then took successive positions as a messenger, bell boy and porter in the Avalon House at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and he was paid for these services respectively wages of $8, $15 and $50 per month. From hotel work he got into the railroad service, learned telegraphy at Warsaw, Indiana, and soon had to give up the confining duties owing to ill health. For a short time he was brakeman on the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railroad, and then entered a dry goods store in Warsaw, and from there came to Erie County, Ohio, in November, 1873. His first work here was as manager of a wholesale flour and feed establishment, and he continued that business for six years. He was then in the same line of business for four years on his own account. After selling out, he went back to Europe, remained there visiting old scenes and friends and relatives, and on returning in 1884 established his home permanently in Sandusky. In January, 1888, Mr. Miller became teller for the Third National Bank of Sandusky. He remained with that institution a year

and a half, and in 1889 was appointed administrator of the G. Iceman Estate. After settling its affairs he became associated with the Johnson & Miller Manufacturing Company, and remained as manager, secretary and treasurer of the company for ten years. Since leaving that concern he has been practically retired from business, though he is as active as ever in a public capacity.

His name has at different times been closely associated with several important business enterprises in Sandusky. He has shown a great deal of civic pride in the city which has been his home for more than forty years, and from 1884 to 1885 he was a member of the city council, was again elected and served in the same office from 1892 to 1898, making seven years in all, and four years as president. He was a member of the Sandusky Board of Equalization in 1890 and 1900, a member of the City Board of Equalization for three years, and in 1906 was appointed a member of the City Board of Review, a commission he held for eight years. In December, 1913, he was appointed by Governor Cox as district assessor, an office from which he resigned in order to devote himself to other duties.

Mr. Miller is a stanch democrat and for many years has been active in the interest of his party and a delegate to numerous district, county and state conventions. He is a member of the Catholic Church and is affiliated with the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Knights of Columbus. He was one of the originators of the old Sandusky Light Guards, the predecessors of the present Company B, Sixth Regiment, Ohio National Guard, and in the former body was commissioned first lieutenant by Governor Bishop.

On August 1, 1876, when still a struggling young business man, Mr. Miller was married in Sandusky to Miss Josephine Krupp, a daughter of John Krupp. To their marriage were born eleven children, and the six now living are: John W., Mary S., Catherina, Paul E., Louisa and Ida. John W., a civil engineer, married Elizabeth Gawn and has two children, John Paul and Mona G. Ida married Walter H. Appell.

JOHN KERBER. There are certain commodities which are indispensable to the comforts and health of modern people. One of these is ice. The ice service is a large and important business in any up-to-date community. One of the veterans of the ice trade in Sandusky is John Kerber, now president of the Consumers Ice Company, one of the most perfect organizations along the southern shore of Lake Erie for handling this invaluable commodity.

Mr. Kerber was born February 8, 1865, in Sandusky, and is a son of Vincent Kerber. He received his early education in the public schools of his native city and in Sandusky Business College. Immediately on leaving school he entered the ice business, since his father, Vincent Kerber, was one of the pioneers in that industry. The firm soon took the name of Vincent Kerber & Son, this son being Frank Kerber. John Kerber continued this connection until 1892, after which he was for one year with the Wagner Lake Ice Company, then for two years employed by Alex Motry, and for five years with Leser and DeWitt.

Finally Mr. Kerber became treasurer of the Kerber Lake Ice Company, but after two years, in 1901, he organized the Consumers Ice Company. This business was incorporated during the same year, and he was made its first president and general manager, a responsibility which he still carries on his very capable shoulders.

Fraternally Mr. Kerber is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and in politics is a republican. He is the father of a very delightful family and has one of the attractive homes of Sandusky. On March 21, 1889, in this county he married

Miss Christina Knauer. Four children have been born to them: Anna, born December 31, 1890; William, born October 1, 1893; Lawrence, born September 2, 1895; and Norma, born December 17, 1898. The son William was for two years a student in Kenyon College. Lawrence is now a student in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. The daughter, Norma, is in the high school at Sandusky.

Frank R. Montgomery. For more than forty-five years the name Montgomery has been closely associated with the industrial life of Sandusky. Frank R. Montgomery is one of that city's leading merchants, and is widely known for his varied interests and public spirited citizenship.

Born at Columbus, Ohio, September 7, 1855, he is a son of Joseph A. and Columbia (Jones) Montgomery. His father because of his long residence at Sandusky deserves special mention in this publication.

Joseph A. Montgomery was born at Dorchester, Massachusetts, April 1, 1820. When twenty-three years of age he took up his residence in the City of Boston and engaged in business there. Boston was his home for four years and when he left there in 1847 he came out to Columbus, Ohio, and took a position with the Ohio Tool Company. He was one of that corporation's most capable workers and managers from 1847 to 1861. He then resigned in order to enter the business of manufacturing ax handles. About the time the Sandusky Tool Company was organized in 1869 he came to Sandusky to take the position of superintendent, and he remained as the executive manager of that large local industry for a period of thirty years. He was the inventor of many labor saving machines now in use in the plane department of the tool company. He also invented other wood working machines, some of which have materially expedited the turning out of many articles manufactured of wood. Joseph A. Montgomery was for many years affiliated with the Excelsior Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Columbus.

One of a family of eight children, and the youngest son living, Frank R. Montgomery was reared and received his education in the public schools at Columbus and Sandusky. For several years he was with his father in the tool company, and he then went to Elgin, Illinois, and was with the Elgin Watch Company, remaining with that great industry for twenty years. He was one of the most skilled and trusted workmen and he passed through all branches of the company's service, filling many of the most important responsibilities. He was also employed in the watch factories at Hamilton and Canton, Ohio. Returning to Sandusky he opened an establishment of his own in the jewelry business, and as a jeweler Mr. Montgomery is now best known and his shop is one of the best equipped in this line.

For many years Mr. Montgomery has taken much interest and part in musical affairs, and for a period of forty-five years he has been identified with the Sandusky Cornet Band. He plays on various instruments and as a snare drummer has few equals in the State of Ohio. He is identified with the various branches of the Masonic Order, including the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite, and is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Maccabees, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Loyal Order of Moose. He has membership in the Sandusky Ad Club, the Sandusky Federated Commercial Club, and in politics is independent. On January 7, 1896, at Dixon, Illinois, he married Miss Alice Hetler.

Roswell S. Tucker, local representative of the Ohio Inspection Bureau, came to Sandusky from Chicago in November, 1906. Born near Boston, Massachusetts, of Puritan ancestors, he received his education

Frank R. Montgomery

and early training in that city. He was first engaged by a firm of industrial engineers in Boston, and later in the engineering department of both the General Electric and Western Electric Co., of Chicago. From the latter he went with the Chicago Board of Fire Underwriters. He has been engaged with the fire underwriters for the past fifteen years. Mr. Tucker is a lover of outdoor sports, and has been actively identified with yachting for many years. He was secretary of the Sandusky Yacht Club for several years. Mr. Tucker is a member of Perseverance Lodge No. 329, A. F. & A. M., at Sandusky, and is vice president of the Masonic Research Society.

August H. Klotz. One of the most important of the local industries of which the people of Sandusky are particularly proud is the Klotz Machine Company, machinists and founders, conducting a general jobbing and repair work and handling all classes of supplies. This company under its present name and through its predecessors has been a thriving industry of Sandusky for practically half a century or more. Its product has the recognized standard of excellence, and is distributed and used over practically the entire country. The company manufactures handle machinery, wine presses, grape grinders, grape stemmers, pumps of different kinds, architectural and a varied line of iron and brass castings, special machinery and jobbing work.

Now the active head of this company, August H. Klotz was born November 1, 1863, in Sandusky, a son of the founder of the business, G. August Klotz and his wife, Sophia (Miller) Klotz. His father was born in Saxony and his mother in Baden, Germany. They came to America in 1851, locating in Sandusky, where the father for three years followed his trade as blacksmith, a vocation he had acquired in the thorough manner customary to apprentices in the old country. At the end of three years he associated himself with Otto Kromer, under the firm name of Klotz & Kromer, machinists. They laid the foundation for the business as at present conducted under the name Klotz Machine Company. The father finally retired for a short time, but at the solicitation of his friends a new company was organized as the Klotz & Kromer Machine Company, and this was continued until August H. Klotz bought the business in 1900 and has since conducted it as the Klotz Machine Company.

August H. Klotz received his early education in the public schools of Sandusky and is a man of thoroughly technical experience and training, besides possessing a thorough general business capacity. He received his technical training in the Rose Politechnic Institute at Terre Haute, Indiana, and on leaving that school became consulting engineer for two years, and after six years of office work bought the business with which his father had so long been identified.

In politics he maintains an independent attitude. He is a member of the Sandusky Yacht Club, the Sunyendeand Club, the Federated Commercial Club of Sandusky, of which he is a trustee, and in Masonry he has gone through the thirty-two degrees of Scottish Rite and also belongs to the Mystic Shrine. On February 6, 1902, he married Miss Barbara B. Ilg.

George Charles Steinemann. To a large and increasing general public in Erie County George C. Steinemann is known as a lawyer of undoubted ability and with many successes to his credit. He has practiced in the City of Sandusky long enough to become securely established in his profession, has acquired many influential connections, and is one of the most popular of the younger citizens.

A native of Auglaize County, he was born May 8, 1877, in Minster,

a son of Theodore B. and Maria Elisabeth (Wendeln) Steinemann. Both parents were born and have always lived in Auglaize County, Ohio, where they still reside, the father at the age of seventy-eight and the mother at seventy-three. Both the father and paternal grandfather were merchants. The family is one of the oldest and most prominent in Auglaize County.

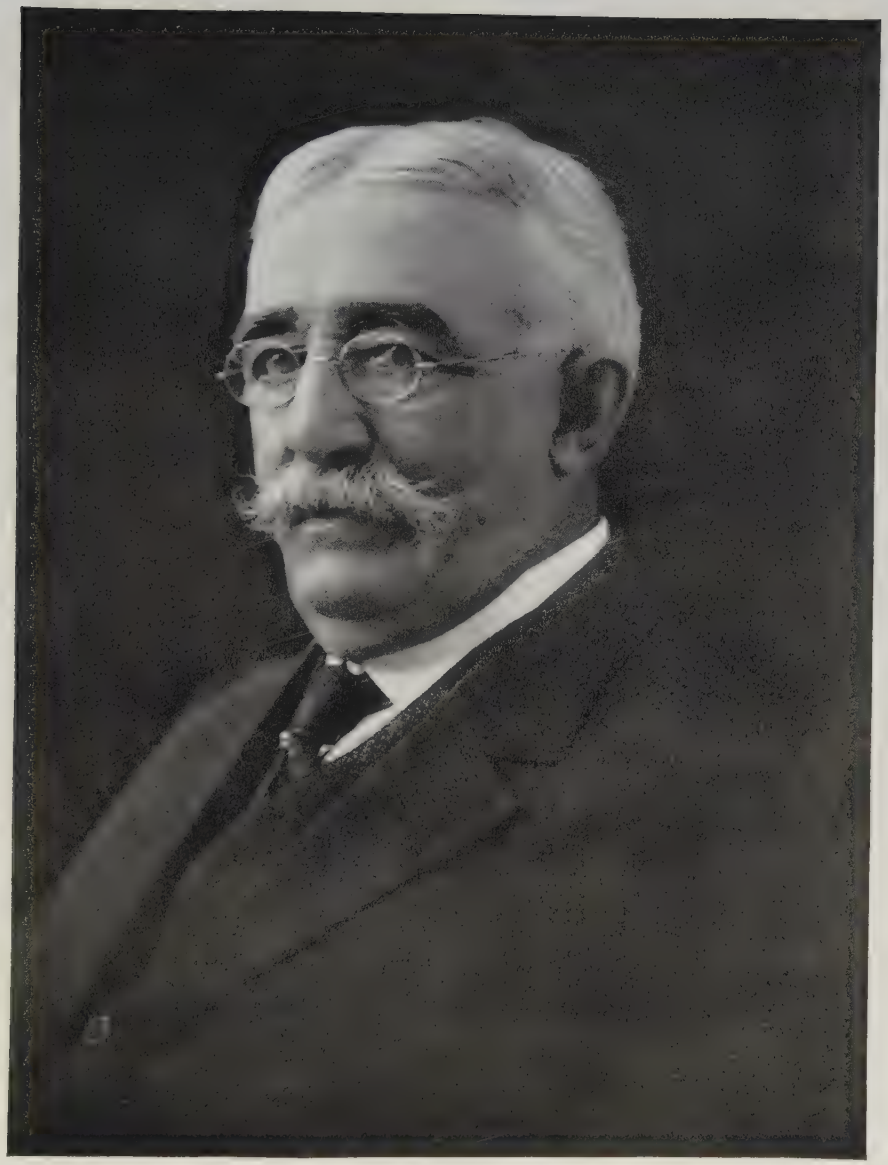
The sixth in a family of nine children, George Charles Steinemann as a boy attended the public schools of Minster, took his higher literary studies in St. Mary's Institute at Dayton, and finally entered the law department of the Ohio State University, where he was graduated in the class of 1902 and admitted to the Ohio bar; he remained for a time at Columbus engaged in post-graduate study, and then became associated with the law firm of King & Guevin at Sandusky. A year later he left Ohio and spent a short time in the State of Oregon, where he was engaged in the work of his profession, and then returned to Sandusky and became a member of the firm of Williams & Ramsey. In 1908 he established himself as a junior member of Williams & Steinemann, a partnership which was dissolved when Mr. Williams was elected to the bench in 1914. Since January, 1915, Mr. Steinemann has conducted an individual practice.

While he has done much civic work in the interest of his home locality, it has been largely within the line of his own profession. He was elected solicitor of the city and served from 1910 to 1914. In 1913 he was elected a member and became the president of the commission to draft a municipal charter for Sandusky, which was subsequently approved by the electors and adopted as the new form of government for the city, effective from and after January 1, 1916. Mr. Steinemann is a democrat in politics, is a member of the Federated Commercial Club of Sandusky, the Sunyendeand Club, the Sandusky Golf Club, of which he is president, a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, and is a man of the highest standing in all social circles.

On January 15, 1913, at Sandusky he married Miss Florence M. Cable, a daughter of Frank L. and Ida (Schwind) Cable. Mrs. Steinemann is a graduate of the Mount Notre Dame College at Cincinnati and the Notre Dame College of a San Diego, California. To their union have been born two children: George C., Jr., and Maria Elisabeth.

William H. Gilcher. For more than half a century the name of William H. Gilcher has been synonymous with the lumber industry around the shores of the Great Lakes. William H. Gilcher, who is now retired and one of the best esteemed of Sandusky's older business leaders, was for many years active head of one of the principal lumber firms operating on the southern shores of Lake Erie. By reason of his success in business he has been in a position to exert a large influence in local affairs, and that he used full well all the advantages accorded him in this direction is the testimony of his old associates and friends. He has had a career of forceful activity, and it would be a serious omission not to include some sketch of his career in this history of Erie County.

Of solid German ancestry, he was born in Sandusky, July 2, 1843, a son of Peter and Christina B. (Boos) Gilcher. Peter Gilcher came from Germany in 1832 and was first known to the community of Sandusky as a carpenter. From that he entered the lumber business, and through his own enterprise and that of his son the name has been identified with that branch of industry perhaps as long as any other in Sandusky. Peter Gilcher was one of the founders of Sandusky's waterworks system, and a member of the board of trustees for the waterworks. He helped establish the Third National Bank, of which he was vice president from the time of organization. The church which he



W. H. Gilchrist

attended so long and faithfully has often been called the Peter Gilcher church because of his active influence in its affairs. He was one of the striking figures in Sandusky's early industrial, civic and social affairs. He passed away in 1877 and his wife in 1879. They had a family of ten children, two of whom died in infancy.

Recently the editor of one of Sandusky's papers, who in his early youth came to admire this lumber merchant, and has been one of the circle of close and loyal friends ever since, wrote an interesting appreciation of Mr. Gilcher, and most of that article is used in the present sketch.

In common with other Sandusky boys of that day, and in much the same manner that youngsters of later days spent their time, young William Gilcher roved around the docks as the water front was always the chief point of interest. He fell off his father's dock and learned to swim in fourteen feet of water. Later he fell into business that was over his head, but he soon learned to pull a strong overhand stroke in it. While he was still chasing the phantoms of youth around, his father came to him one day, and asked him how he would like to go into business. He was then not more than twenty-one years of age. "I'll start you with seven hundred fifty dollars, and later make you a partner," said his father. "You're my huckleberry," replied the boy, and the father went away to Europe for several months, and the young man sold lumber and built up the business while he was gone. The capital of the firm at that time was about fifteen thousand dollars, a huge amount in those days. Jacob Hertle was their first clerk. One of William's great chums was R. E. Schuck.

In 1868 they formed the partnership known as Gilcher & Schuck, with the father and son and Mr. Schuck each having a third interest. William Gilcher was the moving spirit in the business. He would hear of a large cutting of lumber in some camp on the lake, and taking along enough greenbacks to supply all needs, as money talked louder than anything else in that game—he would go to the lumber marts and haggle with the back woodsmen for the lowest cash price. From the little office of the company on Water Street, where once was the depot of the old Mad River Railroad, William H. Gilcher came in time to figure his year's business in the million feet and his financial columns in the hundred thousands. This buying of lumber in heavy shipments that came down from the lakes in boats caused him to aspire to the ownership of a boat line, and eventually that idea developed into the great Gilchrist Steamboat line. Mr. Gilcher had met Mr. Gilchrist, then a clerk on lake boats. Gilchrist was dreaming of owning a great fleet of merchant ships, and largely on the basis of capital supplied by Sandusky men prominent among whom were Messrs. Gilcher & Schuck, the Gilchrist Transportation Company was incorporated in 1897. There was a large number of Sandusky people who held stock in this concern, though the principal stockholders bore the names of Gilchrist, Gilcher and Schuck. Finally the company suffered disaster, and the investors and stockholders lost a great deal of money. Mr. Gilcher himself had $200,000 in the fleet, while his partner Mr. Schuck owned stock worth $500,000.

The lumber firm in which Mr. Gilcher was a partner in one year did a business that involved the selling of 12,000,000 feet of lumber. While it was one of the smaller companies, the profits in one year when the trade was most flourishing amounted to $17,000. Mr. Gilcher in the early days also lent his capital to the development of the supposed oil district around Sandusky.

For over half a century William Doerzbach and Mr. Gilcher have been close friends. As local contractor Mr. Doerzbach bought lumber

from the Gilcher & Schuck Company. It was in 1868 that Mr. Gilcher and R. E. Schuck became associated under the name of Gilcher & Schuck, and in 1892 J. E. Schuck, a son of the partner, was admitted to the firm. J. E. Schuck died in 1908, and R. E. Schuck in 1910. Among various other business interests Mr. Gilcher was at one time a director in the Norwalk Electric Company, was president of the White Line Electric Company, was vice president of the Cedar Point Resort Company, and a director, beginning in 1877, in the Third National Exchange Bank.

Mr. Gilcher has been a staunch republican, and at the age of twenty-two was elected treasurer of Portland Township. He is a charter member of the Sandusky Lodge of Elks, a member of the Sandusky Yacht Club, a charter member of the Sunyendeand Club, and he has long attended faithfully the Grace Episcopal Church.

In 1868 Mr. Gilcher married Miss Tinnie Rosenbaum, daughter of Frederick and Harriet Rosenbaum, who came from Prussia, Germany. Mr. Gilcher's family life was broken up somewhat by the death of his first wife in 1890. It was twelve years before he married again. The second Mrs. Gilcher was Julietta Stimson of Ashtabula. By the first marriage there were four children. The two daughters now living are Mrs. A. J. Peters of Sandusky and Mrs. J. Ward Butler of Oakfield, New York, while the only living son is William A. Gilcher.

At the conclusion of the article from which most of the above has been taken, the editor said: "He has been an aggressive citizen in the pioneer days. He is still a live wire and predicts great things for Sandusky and often his feet take him unconsciously to his old office on Water street, where for fifty years he spent considerable of his time in the prosecution of his enterprise as a great lumber merchant."

Fred Frey, Jr. One of the most progressive and capable among the younger generation of business men at Sandusky is Fred Frey, Jr., who is connected with the firm of Andrews & Frey, retail dealers in furniture. A native of this city, he has passed his entire life here and is generally conceded to be a good example of the type of business man to which the city must look for its future commercial development and progress.

Mr. Frey was born at Sandusky, October 21, 1882, and is a son of Fred Frey, Sr., also a native of this city. The family was founded in the United States by his grandfather, Frederick Frey, who emigrated to this country from Freiburg, Germany, in 1849, with his wife, and, settling at Sandusky, engaged in following the trade of shoemaker. The outbreak of the Civil war found him so engaged and being possessed of patriotism and a love for his adopted land he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Seventh Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war. He enlisted as a private, but soon won promotion to sergeant of his company, and as such participated in many hard-fought engagements, including the bloody battle of Gettysburg in which his regiment was nearly annihilated. At the battle of Chancellorsville he was captured by the Confederates and removed to a Southern prison, from which he was subsequently taken to the notorious Libby Prison and there confined for six months. After experiencing all the hardships and privations connected with imprisonment there he was aided to escape by one of his comrades and succeeded in making his way back to the Union lines, where he rejoined his regiment. He was in bad physical condition, owing to the experiences through which he had passed, and was sent home because of disability, but, as soon as he had recovered again rejoined his comrades at the front and continued to fight valiantly until Appomattox closed hostilities. Mr. Frey then returned to Sandusky and resumed his business, but did

not live long thereafter, dying June 11, 1873, his death having been probably hastened by the intense rigors of army life.

Fred Frey, Sr., commenced his life with but few advantages, the family being in humble circumstances. His education was limited to irregular attendance at the parochial schools, and when he was still a lad and the city still a village, he began supporting himself by carrying water for the lumber firm of Ayers & Leonard. Later he worked for a time for a fish company, and subsequently accepted an opportunity to learn the trade of barber, which he mastered and at which he worked for a period of thirty-two years, first as an employe and later as proprietor of a tonsorial parlor of his own. In 1902 he retired from the barber business, disposed of his interests, and with Mrs. C. J. Andres embarked in a retail furniture business, under the firm style of Andres & Frey, succeeding the firm of Chas. Andres. Under well-directed management this concern grew and prospered and eventually became a successful enterprise. Mr. Frey is still active in the business.

Fred Frey, Jr., was educated in the parochial schools of Sandusky, and when ready to embark upon his career associated himself with his father, under whom he learned the trade of barber, and with whom he has been associated in all his enterprises. During the fourteen years that he followed his trade he made many friends in the city who watched his entrance into the furniture business with interest and who have been gratified with his success therein. Energetic, industrious, capable and progressive, he is rapidly making a place for himself in business circles, and it is safe to predict that a bright and successful future awaits him. Mr. Frey established a home of his own March 12, 1915, when he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Missig, a young lady of Springfield, Ohio.

D. C. Powers. Recently Mr. Powers retired from an active career as a merchant at Sandusky. He had been in active business quite a half a century. Few men are enjoying a better earned leisure in Erie County than Mr. Powers. His life has been one of well directed purpose, of signal integrity, and the service which he rendered as a business man justified the compensation which proved the basis for the fine prosperity which he now enjoys. Of the older group of Sandusky citizens none is more highly honored than D. C. Powers.

A resident of Sandusky or Erie County for fifty-five years, he was born in Jefferson County, New York, March 18, 1844. His parents were Amasa and Rebecca (Grow) Powers, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Connecticut. The father went to Northern New York, in the Black River district, where he lived the remainder of his life, dying in 1860. He was the father of three children, D. C. Powers being the youngest. During his active lifetime Amasa Powers was a tanner by trade. He was a man of honor and integrity, had a host of friends, and was distinguished for his admirable morals. He never tasted a drop of intoxicating liquors, and was a vigorous advocate of the temperance cause.

D. C. Powers acquired only a liberal education from books and schooling. He lived with his parents until he was twenty, and then in 1865 he found employment as clerk in a dry goods store at Sandusky. He worked for one man and gained an experience in all the details and shouldered many of the responsibilities of the store for eight continuous years. In 1874 he engaged in business for himself as partner in the firm of Wagner & Powers. This was a well known partnership in the retail dry goods business for eight years. Later for a similar period the business was conducted as Powers & Zollinger. Finally Mr. Powers bought the entire establishment and remained at the head of a very

successful business, which was long recognized as a landmark in the shopping industry of Sandusky, until 1914. In that year he gave up his active participation in business affairs and is no longer a familiar figure in the mercantile circles of the city.

While most of his life has been devoted to business and home, he has exercised not a little influence in shaping the welfare of his community. He is a republican, but perhaps his prohibition principles predominate in his political faith. For more than fifty years he has advocated temperance as did his father before him. He has been an active member of the Methodist Church for forty-eight years, and one of the strongest supporters of that denomination in Sandusky. For thirty-seven years he has been closely connected with the Sunday School, and in that time was never tardy at the Sunday School service.

On August 17, 1876, Mr. Powers married Miss Mary Alvord. To their union have been born two children. Helen is now Mrs. J. M. Bender of Sandusky. She is an alumna of the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, and subsequently continued her studies by special work in Boston and New York. Royal A., the only son, is now prospering in the real estate business at Sandusky.

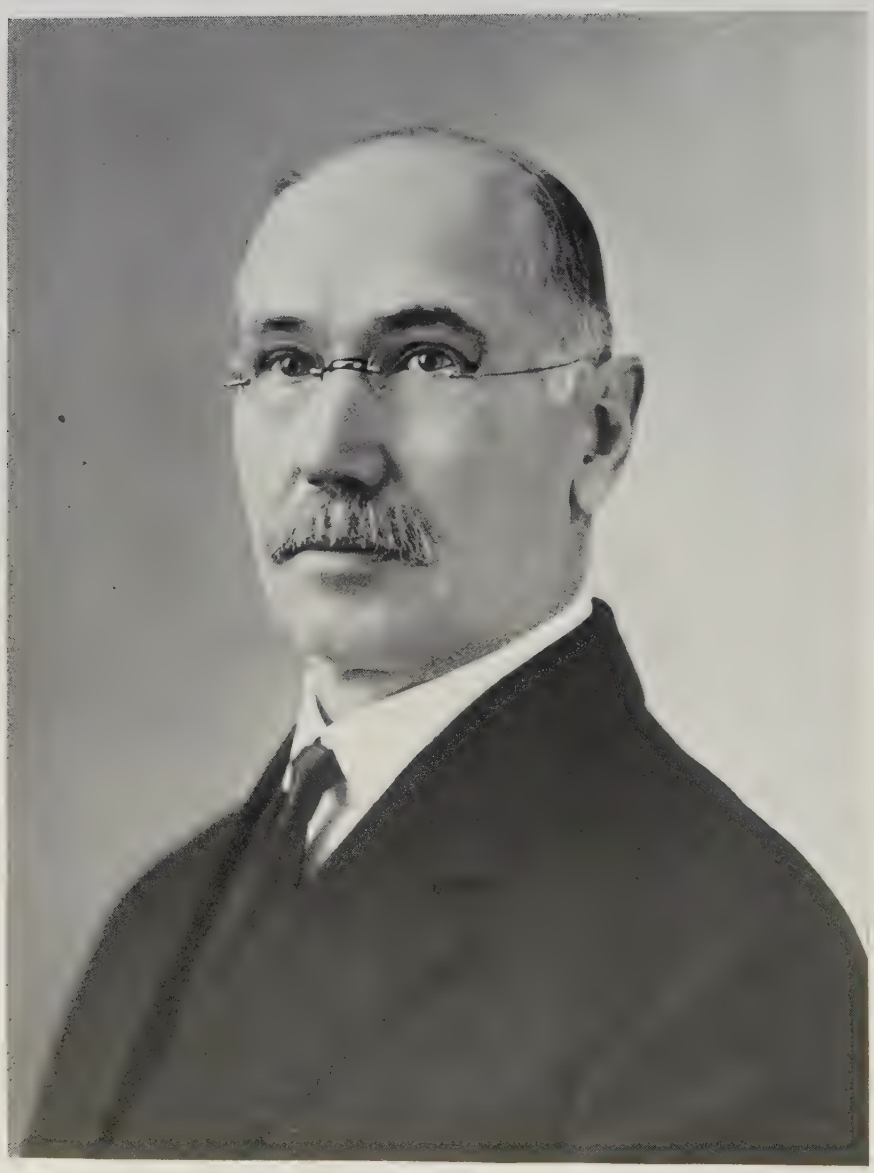
Ciro S. Riccelli. This is a brief life story of one of Sandusky's best known citizens. His home has been in this city for more than a quarter of a century. He was a hard working young Italian immigrant when he first made himself known to the community. His life has been one of much struggle, much constant aspiration and struggle upwards, until he now dominates one or two important industries and lines of business in Sandusky, and in return for the opportunities of American citizenship he has lived a useful and influential life.

Born May 1, 1874, in Italy, a son of Ettore Riccelli, he spent only the years of early childhood in his native country, and in 1887 came to America. As a boy laborer, accepting any employment which he could get, he was located successively in McConnellsville, and Steubenville, Ohio, Wheeling, West Virginia, and Fairmont, West Virginia.

Going from place to place and seeking opportunity, he arrived in Sandusky in 1889. He soon afterward took up the fruit business. This expanded into other lines, and for many years he has operated successfully in the ice cream, confectionery and soft drink business, keeping stands in the summer resorts on Johnson Island, Cedar Point, Lakeside and other places, besides his regular business in the City of Sandusky. Here his establishment is one of the familiar features of the business district, and his fruit and confectionery store and ice cream parlor have been operated so well that they brought him a competency.

The capital from this primary business has been invested in other lines. In 1908 he took up the manufacture of ice cream cones, which found a ready sale over a large territory and he has since been kept busy in superintending and managing this large and profitable business. In 1913 he secured the agency for all the leading steamship lines both for inland transportation and for trans-Atlantic service, and has since conducted that agency, which is the only steamship agency for foreign transportation in Sandusky. Through this business he has been able to lend his assistance and experience for the benefit of a great number of his fellow countrymen, and he is a man thoroughly charitable in all his deeds and intentions, though he makes no display of his practical philanthropy and only the recipients of his favors are aware how much he does in this way. Mr. Riccelli was also employed by the American Crayon Company for eleven years.

On December 26, 1895, Mr. Riccelli married Miss Anna Scheel. All the six children born to their happy marriage are still living, namely:



J. P. Morgan

Arthur, born December 25, 1896; Clarence, born October 16, 1902; Florence, born September 19, 1904; Roy, born November 27, 1909; Kenneth, born January 15, 1912; Sterling, born May 12, 1915.

T. T. Morgan. The wonderful success which has attended the Brown Clutch Company during the past few years, advancing it from a position of unimportance to one of the largest enterprises of its kind in the country, must be attributed equally to the excellence of its product and to the energy, business talent and gifts of acumen, judgment and foresight possessed by its president and general manager, T. T. Morgan. This leading and influential business man of Sandusky has been the architect of his own fortunes, having worked his way from the bottom of the ladder in spite of reverses and disappointments with a determination and fertility of resource worthy of the success he has achieved.

Mr. Morgan is a son of Erie County, and was born on his father's farm, April 24, 1864, his father being George Morgan. George Morgan was born at Milan, Erie County. He was adopted by Thomas Morgan and was before adoption George Hamilton, son of Chester Hamilton, of Milan, Ohio. So the subject of this review is not a Morgan, nor is he connected in any way with the Morgan family but is related to the Hamilton family, which were among the prominent settlers of Erie County, Pennsylvania, and many of the family represent that fine old stock throughout the State of Ohio and other states of the Union. George Morgan followed agricultural pursuits during the period of his active career. He was an industrious workman and a substantial citizen, winning the esteem and confidence of his associates through a lifetime of useful and energetic effort. He married Miss Mary J. Monfort, a native of Dutchess County, New York, and they became the parents of two children, of whom T. T. is the younger.

T. T. Morgan was educated in the township schools of Erie County, and was reared in much the same way as other farmers' sons of his day and locality. He was his father's assistant until he reached the years of his majority, at which time he embarked in agricultural ventures on his own account. After eight years of experience in tilling the soil, he decided that a brighter future awaited him in the business field, and accordingly disposed of his farming interests and ventured into the retail grocery business at Norwalk, Ohio. There he was associated for one year with J. Scherer, under the firm style of Morgan & Scherer, and then purchased Mr. Scherer's interests and began conducting the business alone. Three years later he disposed of his holdings in a commercial way and became a traveling representative for a wholesale house, with which he had come into contact in a business way, and spent six years in this capacity. Having received injuries in a railroad accident he relinquished his services as a salesman, and after fully recovering, in 1905, he was compelled to make a new start to recover his place in the business world, and chose as the medium through which to accomplish this object the handling of realty. There followed three years of more or less profitable activity in buying and selling city and farm property, but in 1908 Mr. Morgan was made general manager of the Brown Clutch Company, a Sandusky firm then in its infancy, which had at that time only a small and inconsequential business. Under the energetic and progressive management of Mr. Morgan the business rapidly grew and developed, and in 1913 he was chosen for the presidency of the company, in addition to which he continues to discharge the duties of general manager. The Brown Clutch Company manufactures friction clutches and friction hoists, and the product has become known all over the country for its excellence of workmanship, measuring up to every requirement and being of remarkable quality. As to output

it is one of the largest manufacturing concerns of its kind in the United States. The main building occupies a space of 250 by 60 feet, two stories high, with basement and there are also additional buildings for various purposes. A large force of men is given employment. Mr. Morgan is a member of the Masons and has passed through all the bodies up to and including the Commandery. His political allegiance is with the republican party.

On March 18, 1885, Mr. Morgan was married in Erie County, Ohio, to Miss Maude Van Benschoten, daughter of D. H. Van Benschoten, and to this union there has been born one daughter, Hazel Maud.

JOHN J. HEALY. As a merchant the name of John J. Healy has been associated with Sandusky enterprise for a great many years. Some of those who can remember him as a boy will recall the fact that he spent several years in performing a good deal of menial work such as was customary in the general routine of business houses when a boy of all work was employed. He is now head of the Healy Company, operating one of the best managed and most completely stocked department stores in the city.

Born in Ottawa County, Ohio, September 8, 1866, he is a son of James and Mary Healy. His father was born in Ireland, and after coming to America lived in New York City for a time. He then brought his family out to Sandusky, and became connected with Marsh & Company in the manufacture of plaster, and was connected with that company for forty years until he retired. His death occurred in 1895.

John J. Healy received his early education in the public and parochial schools of Sandusky. When only fourteen years old he started to learn mercantile life through the avenue of general utility boy with the old established house of Kronthal Brothers. He swept out the store, ran errands, helped keep the stock in order, and did practically everything else that was demanded of him in proportion to his strength and ability. One responsibility after another was added to his duties, and he finally transferred his service to the firm of J. L. Hudson & Company, with which he was identified for many years. Mr. Healy with all this experience, with the capital which he had slowly accumulated, and with a splendid credit which he had established, then organized the Healy Company, whose fine department store is located at 202-212 Market Street. The Healy store deals in all kinds of men's, women's and children's ready to wear goods.

There is no store outside of Cleveland that carries a better stock and is better known for reliable merchandise. Mr. Healy is president and manager of this successful emporium.

Fraternally he is a fourteenth degree Scottish Rite Mason and is also affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is also a director in the Erie County Agricultural Association. On March 12, 1894, Mr. Healy married Miss Olive Uncle. Their two children are named Russell and Dorothy Healy.

WILLIAM M. LAUGHLIN. Many of the fine old pioneer homesteads of Erie County by subdivision and sale have passed entirely out of the control of the descendants of their original possessors. One of the tracts of land still farmed by a man whose grandfather acquired it direct from the Government is the place of William M. Laughlin, in Berlin Township, on Rural Route No. 2, out of Huron. At least a century has passed since the first efforts were made by the original Laughlin to clear, improve and cultivate these acres, and a host of family associations and memories center around the farm, and Mr. Laughlin is a man who has a regard both for the historical past and for the practical work of the present.

Mrs. Laughlin, his wife, is also of an old and honored pioneer Erie County family and there are no people more representative of the sterling stock that first identified themselves with this section of Northern Ohio.

The Laughlin name is of Scotch-Irish origin. The grandfather John Laughlin was one of eleven brothers who came from Ireland about 1800, and in a few years were scattered about over the various states and territories both east and west of the Allegheny Mountains. John Laughlin in the early part of the last century came out to Erie County, secured a tract of wild land in the western part of Berlin Township and was one of the very first of those who penetrated the wilderness for the sake of acquiring a permanent home. It is not known whether he brought his wife to Erie County on his first trip or not, and her name and family connections are not a part of the recorded family history. After a time John Laughlin went back to Pennsylvania, making the journey on horseback. Two days after he and his wife reached Pennsylvania their son Milton Laughlin was born December 25, 1812. He was still a child when his parents returned to Erie County and established their home in Berlin Township. The mother of Milton died a number of years later, and John Laughlin married a Miss Hollister for his second wife, and they spent their last years on the old homestead. John Laughlin was one of the early organizers of the Presbyterian Church not far from his home, and for a number of years served it as deacon. He was an ideal type of the early settler, stood six feet two inches tall, and possessed a strength in proportion to his rugged and great frame. He had both strength and endurance for all the heavy work that confronted the first settlers in the wilderness. He became allied with the old whig party and had taken up with the doctrines of the new republican party before his death.

Milton Laughlin, who was born as already stated a short time after the outbreak of the second war with Great Britain was reared in Berlin Township on the old homestead of a hundred acres, half of which he subsequently secured as his own place, and which is now in the possession of his son, William M. Milton Laughlin was somewhat like his father in respect to his physical proportions and strength of character, was an industrious farmer, was reared in and was always faithful to the Presbyterian Church, and voted the republican ticket until the end of his life. About two years before his death he removed from the old homestead to Milan Township, where he died in October, 1884. The immediate cause of his death was the taking of an overdose of raw tincture of iron. He was then past seventy years of age. Milton Laughlin married Mary Krom, who was born near the Hudson River about 1815, and was probably of the old Dutch stock of New York State. She came to Ohio with her parents when she was a child, grew up in Milan Township, and her parents died there when quite old. Mrs. Milton Laughlin died in Milan seven years after her husband. She was likewise a member of the Presbyterian Church, and should be remembered as a faithful wife and devoted mother. She and her husband became the parents of six children: Ransom F. is now a retired farmer in Milan, and has one living son and two grandchildren. Jane, the second child, is the wife of George Hooper, living at Tiffin, Ohio, and they have a son and daughter. Nancy, who died in 1876, was the wife of William Squires, now living in Milan, and she left a son who is still living. Frank enlisted in the Union Army as a fifer in an Ohio Regiment, and after about three years of service died toward the end of the war from illness contracted while with the army and was still unmarried. The next of the family is William M. Bertha, the youngest, married Frank Diamond, and they now live in Milan and have three living children.

William M. Laughlin, who has succeeded to the ownership of his father's fifty-acre homestead, was born on that farm June 29, 1859, and has spent here practically all his life. His education came from the local schools of Berlin Township, and throughout that part of the county he is known as a practical and enterprising farmer. In addition to his farm he owns thirteen acres in Milan Township. It is all well improved, and his home is a comfortable seven-room brick house which was built before Mr. Laughlin was born. He has succeeded many seasons in equaling the best yields of general crops per acre, has grown wheat, corn and oats, and latterly has planted some twelve to fifteen acres of potatoes. In Berlin Township in 1880 Mr. Laughlin married Miss Frances Hollister. She was born in Milan Township, December 3, 1857, and grew up and received her education in that locality. As already mentioned, her family is one of the oldest to be found in Erie County. Her grandparents were Jesse and Ann (Horton) Hollister, both New Englanders by birth. They came to Erie County in 1817, after a long and tedious journey, established themselves in the wilderness of Milan Township, and lived there until death took them away when quite old. They were of the hardy old Vermont stock, and in character and activities well fitted for the responsibilities of pioneer life. Their son, Edwin Hollister, the father of Mrs. Laughlin, was born in Vermont in 1810, and was accordingly seven years of age when he arrived in Erie County. He grew up on the old homestead in Milan Township, and was married in that locality to Caroline Webb, who was a native of New York State and was quite young when her parents moved out to Erie County. She also grew up in Milan Township, where her parents died many years later. Edwin Hollister and wife became thrifty and prosperous farming people of Milan Township and later owned a place in West Berlin Township on the Township Line Road, where Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin now live. Edwin Hollister died in 1895 and his wife in 1893. She was a member of the Methodist Church while he was a Universalist. He took much interest in township affairs, was a republican voter, and he and four of his sons saw service throughout the period of the Civil war. One of the sons, Jacob, died from illness while still in the army.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin have been born four children. Earl W., who was born January 24, 1885, became a railroad man and lost his arm while employed by the Wheeling and Lake Erie, and is now living at home. Walter W. is living at Toledo and by his marriage to Ethel Whistler, has a daughter named Frances Della. Pearl H., who was born January 29, 1890, has for the past six years been a locomotive fireman on the Nickel Plate Railway, is now living at Bellevue, Ohio, and married Maria Huskstein. Ada, the youngest, was educated in the public schools as were her brothers and sisters, and is still living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin attend the Presbyterian Church and Mr. Laughlin and sons are republicans in politics.

F. E. Swain. One of Sandusky's prominent younger business men, Mr. Swain, is secretary of The C. V. Baumgardner Piano Company, a large and important concern which has received considerable attention on other pages of this work.

Mr. Swain was born in Paulding, Ohio, December 20, 1888, the only son and child of his parents, E. C. and Catherine Genevieve (Bittell) Swain. His father was a very prominent citizen of Paulding County, where he was engaged in general merchandising until the time of his death. At one time he served as sheriff of the county, and in other ways was a factor in its affairs.

L. L. CURTIS

Mr. F. E. Swain acquired an education in the public schools at Fostoria and Sandusky. When only sixteen years of age he embraced a business career, starting as bookkeeper for the Hômegardner Coal Company. He remained with that company about four years, and there laid the foundation of a substantial business experience.

He has considerable individual talent as a musician, and it was undoubtedly that which led him, on leaving the coal company, to enter the piano store of J. F. Renner, as a salesman. He continued in that employment until March, 1914, when he severed his connections and after a short time became one of the incorporators of the Baumgardner Piano Company. He was elected secretary and a director and has had much to do with the success of this concern. Mr. Swain is well known in local musical circles and is a member of several fraternal orders. In politics he is a democrat. He married Miss Margaret Davlin, a daughter of W. W. and Effie S. (Skilliter) Davlin, of Whitmore, Ohio. They have one child named Florence Genevieve.

L. L. Curtis. One of the best examples of individual commercial success found in Northern Ohio is in L. L. Curtis, who, beginning as stock keeper, has filled all the successive posts of responsibility and for the past twelve years has been president of The American Crayon Company of Sandusky, Ohio.

This business itself is one in which the people of Erie County take special pride. Like many other large concerns it had its origin in an idea when the manufacture was begun in a home shop, from which it has extended to one of the largest in Sandusky's commercial district and furnishes employment to probably as large a force of workmen as any other local concern.

The Curtis family has been identified with Ohio since pioneer times. Ezra S. Curtis, grandfather of L. L. Curtis, was born in the State of New York, but spent the most of his life in Lake County, Ohio. W. D. Curtis, the originator of the business now known as The American Crayon Company, and father of L. L. Curtis, was born in Orleans County, New York, in 1824. He spent nearly three years as a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in 1862 in Company D of the One Hundred and Fifth Ohio Infantry, fought at the battles of Richmond and Perryville, but in 1863 was transferred to the medical purveyor's department, was stationed first at Nicholasville, Kentucky, and after a year was ordered to Louisville, where he remained until the close of the war. He was mustered out July 4, 1865. In 1851 he married Caroline E. Cowdery, who was born in Cattaraugus County, New York, in 1829. In 1866 the family removed to Sandusky. The children of W. D. Curtis and wife were: L. L. Curtis; H. J. Curtis, deceased; Carrie, widow of John Whitworth; Mary, who married Judge F. C. Price of Kansas; and Carl C. A.

It was in 1869 that W. D. Curtis, with M. F. and John S. Cowdery, his brothers-in-law, conceived the idea of making crayon for school purposes and began experimenting toward that end in the kitchen of the Curtis home. From these initial experiments they realized a great future for the business, and started on a small scale and with crude equipment to manufacture crayon in a small building on Columbus Avenue in Sandusky. The next location was a larger building on Hayes Avenue. At that time the company was known as the Western School Supply Company. From time to time many improvements were introduced in molds and machinery, and the output of the concern soon included a variety of crayon for different uses and were shipped to all parts of the United States. In 1900 the plant was destroyed by fire,

but it was soon rebuilt on Hayes Avenue, and the factory is now the largest of its kind in the world.

Mr. L. L. Curtis was born in Lake County, Ohio, June 16, 1852, but has lived in Erie County since he was fourteen years of age. He received his education in the public schools of Lake County, and soon after the Western School Supply Company was established he took a position as stock keeper. Some years later the company and the Waltham Crayon Company of Massachusetts were consolidated as The American Crayon Company, and Mr. Curtis became superintendent of the entire plant. He and his brother, H. J. Curtis, were active not only in the management but have supplied much of the equipment now used in the manufacture, particularly the molds. The American Crayon Company is capitalized at $1,000,000, and Mr. L. L. Curtis is now the only member of his immediate family identified with the business. His brother, H. J. Curtis, died in 1901, and both M. F. and John S. Cowdery, who were also in the firm at the beginning, are now deceased. The American Crayon Company manufactures crayons of every description, for use in schools; oil crayons, which have an extended use; pastel crayons; lumber crayons, used in the lumber trade; carpenter crayons; billiard tools and accessories, and the company also make a large variety of small wooden boxes for shipping their own merchandise and for supplying other industries. The plant of this company covers more than three acres of floor space, and trains are loaded and unloaded at each side of the factory. About three hundred and fifty men and women are on the pay rolls of the company.

In addition to this manufacturing concern of which he is president, Mr. L. L. Curtis takes just pride in the city where he resides, and largely through his influence this extensive factory was located in Sandusky. He is a public spirited man in every sense of the word, and his own success has been a big factor in Sandusky's prosperity. He has been a director of the Commercial Bank of Sandusky, Ohio, for a number of years, a director and the vice president of the Dauch Manufacturing Company, a director in the Komo Color Company, and a member of the Federated Commercial Club. In Masonry Mr. Curtis has gone through the various degrees and branches, including the thirty-second degree Scottish Rite and the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Sunyendeand Club, the Sandusky Golf Club, and the Sandusky Ad Club. He served two terms on the board of education, and at different times has identified himself with other local business enterprises.

Henry C. Millott. The art which constructs, either for utility, for beauty, or for both—the art of architecture—is one of the oldest of the civilizing and refining agencies of man. Natural conditions and configuration of the country in which it has been exercised have necessarily regulated it, but the development of a modern palace, either for residence or business, step by step from the ancestral cave or tent, has been one of the great and interesting romances of civilization. Among the followers of the profession of architecture in Erie County, one who has contributed materially to the upbuilding and beautification of the City of Parks is Henry C. Millott, who since his return from a trip to Europe in 1907, has been located at Sandusky.

Mr. Millott was born December 20, 1878, in Erie County, Ohio, and is a son of Martin and Julia (Tracy) Millott. His father, a native of Ireland, emigrated from that country to the United States in 1847, subsequently becoming a resident of the City of Sandusky, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying before he had reached middle age. He was the father of nine children, of whom Henry C. was the youngest.

Henry C. Millott received his early education in the parochial schools of Sandusky, following which he took up the study of architecture at Cornell University and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1906. The basis of his present architectural style and standing was laid in Europe where he took an extended trip immediately after his graduation and where he was given the opportunity of viewing and studying many of the beautiful old edifices, churches, cathedrals, universities, museums, etc., rich in architectural designs, an education that could have come to him in no other way, and which has been of incalculable value to him in his subsequent work. A number of these old structures have since passed entirely away, sacrifices to the war now raging in the old countries.

On his return from Europe Mr. Millott settled at once at Sandusky, here opened an office, and has continued in the enjoyment of a rapidly increasing business. No visitor to the City of Parks on Lake Erie fails to be impressed with the architectural values and beauties of its buildings. They have been erected with a proper appreciation of their surroundings, and with an idea of producing a harmonious whole, and the result attained is close to the modern conception of the "city beautiful." In the accomplishment of this result Mr. Millott has played his full part. His field of operation, however, is not confined to his home city, for he is called upon to superintend as well as furnish designs for elegant residences, stately public buildings and massive business structures throughout a wide area. His knowledge of his profession, his accuracy in making estimates, his thoroughness and excellence of labor and his strict fidelity to contracts have established him firmly in his calling and have given him precedence over many of his competitors. Several of the buildings planned and executed by him are: The Alhambra Theater Building, St. Mary School Building and the Third National Bank Building.

In religion Mr. Millott is and always has been a Roman Catholic, and has always been a consistent and sincere friend of the many worthy educational and charitable interests so actively promoted by that church. His sole fraternal connection is with the Knights of Columbus. While abstaining from anything that could possibly be called active political life, he is known as a supporter of the principles of the democratic party. Outside of his profession he has few business interests, but is a director in The Hinde Brick & Tile Company, of Sandusky, and has been a factor in its success.

Mr. Millott was married November 24, 1910, at Sandusky, to Miss Eleanore Hinde, daughter of James J. Hinde, of this city, and to this union there have been born three children: James O., Mary J. and Richard H.

George A. Schwer. Of the men whose abilities lend strength and substance to the business prestige of Sandusky, one of the best known is George A. Schwer, secretary and assistant manager of the Dauch Manufacturing Company. A native son of Erie County, his entire career has been passed here and his name has been linked with some of the most important industrial enterprises in the state. His standing as a citizen rests upon his numerous contributions in the way of public service.

Mr. Schwer was born May 12, 1874, in Erie County, Ohio, and is a son of Albert and Mary (Metzgar) Schwer. His father, a native of Germany, came with the family to the United States in 1852, when he was but four years old, the family locating at Sandusky, Ohio. He received a good public school education in Sandusky and learned the

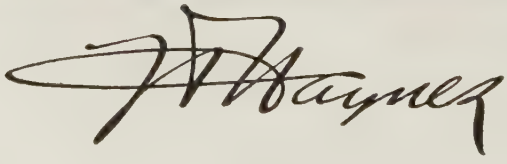
trade of machinist, a vocation which he followed for a number of years as a journeyman at Sandusky. Being industrious and thrifty, he finally accumulated the means with which to start a machine shop of his own, an enterprise that proved the nucleus for his present success. At the present time his chief interest is centered in the success of the Ohio Motor Company, of which concern he is secretary.

George A. Schwer received his educational training in the public schools of Sandusky, following which he took a course in the Sandusky Business College, thus fitting himself for a business career. He had inherited much of his father's mechanical ingenuity and predilection for machinery, and received his earliest business training under the preceptorship of the elder man. For a number of years he was identified with the Ohio Motor Company, where he won steady and consistent promotion by reason of his general ability and faithfulness to the company's interests, and at the time of the organization and for a number of years afterward was its vice president. During the period of Mr. Schwer's incumbency of that office the company developed into one of the leading business industries of Sandusky, this condition of affairs being largely brought about through his steady and unceasing industry and energetic effort. He still retains a directorship in the Ohio Motor Company, but in April, 1914, resigned from the vice presidency, having been offered and accepted the positions of secretary and assistant manager of the Dauch Manufacturing Company, feeling that his interests should not be divided. He is president of the Sanitary Paper Bottle Company, of Sandusky, Ohio; a director of the Masonic Temple Association Company, of which he was president in 1913; and the treasurer and a member of the executive committee of the Sandusky Business Men's Association. Mr. Schwer is a man of public spirit and civic pride and has always been anxious to have a hand in anything that promises to enhance the welfare of the city and its people. He is prominent in fraternal circles, and is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In Masonry Mr. Schwer has gone through the various degrees and branches, including the thirty-second degree Scottish Rite. He belongs also to various other fraternal orders and to the United Commercial Travelers, in which he is past senior counselor. In political matters, Mr. Schwer allows no man or party to dictate to him, choosing his own candidates as he regards them fitted for public service. His judgment in this as in other matters is considered excellent, he being generally found supporting good men and beneficial measures.

Mr. Schwer was married September 25, 1900, in Erie County, Ohio, to Miss Emelia Ferbach, of Sandusky, and to this union there have come two children: Wilbert G., who was born August 2, 1902; and George Albert, born December 6, 1907.

Bert D. Smith. A high class business man of Sandusky who has won his way from a humble position to one of marked prosperity is Bert D. Smith, whose name is especially familiar in the coal trade. Mr. Smith is still young, and what he has accomplished in the past fifteen or twenty years serves as a reliable basis for judgment that his prosperity will be all the greater in the years to come.

A native of Erie County, he was born March 21, 1877, a son of William C. and Louisa (Kunz) Smith. His father was born in Ohio and is still living at the age of sixty-six. Bert D. Smith was the third in a family of four children. He was educated in the grammar schools of Sandusky, but when a boy started out to make his own way. He learned the barber trade under his father, but after four years in that occupation



looked for something better. He next became collector for the Kunz Coal Company, and during the four years in that work gained a thorough knowledge of the coal business. His experience was increased by three years of employment in Toledo, Ohio, and Detroit, Michigan, with different coal companies, but in 1900 he returned to Sandusky and started in the coal trade for himself. His name has been identified with that particular business in Sandusky for fifteen years. Mr. Smith is a live and energetic salesman, and he disposes of large quantities of coal every year, and has a very large and extensive clientele. He also is a dealer in and carries a full and complete line of builders' supplies, and this department of Mr. Smith's business is steadily increasing.

Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the United Commercial Travelers. Mr. Smith married Miss Pearl J. Bates, of Sandusky, Ohio, and has one son, J. Bates Smith.

JOHN T. HAYNES, M. D. The work by which Doctor Haynes has become best known in Erie County is his service for over a quarter of a century with The Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Home of this county. Doctor Haynes became one of the assistant surgeons at this institution in the late '80s, and is now chief surgeon of the hospital. Doctor Haynes is a man of very vigorous character, positive and forceful, yet kindly and benignant in his relations with the old soldiers under his care, and his has been a valuable influence in Erie County for many years.

He was born in Butler County, Ohio, June 29, 1864, a son of Dr. Moses H. and Sarah (Hunter) Haynes. His ancestry goes back to John Haynes, who was one of the passengers on the Mayflower early in the seventeenth century. Other ancestors fought on the American side during the Revolutionary war. Dr. Moses H. Haynes was born in Ohio, in 1825, and his wife was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, in 1833. Dr. Moses H. Haynes, who after a long life of useful activity, died at Richmond, Indiana, October 6, 1907, had graduated from Oxford College in this state in 1854, and from Miami Medical College of Cincinnati in 1856. In 1861 he was commissioned an assistant surgeon of the Sixty-ninth Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry and later became surgeon of the One Hundred and Sixty-seventh Regiment of Ohio Infantry, and continued with that command until the close of the war.

For a great many years after the war he practiced at Seven Mile in Butler County, Ohio, and finally gave up professional work in 1887 and after that lived retired in Richmond, Indiana. He was a democrat in politics, took a prominent part in the Grand Army of the Republic, and was a member of the Methodist Church and of several of the leading fraternities. In 1867 he married for his second wife, Elizabeth Place.

Dr. John T. Haynes was the youngest of his mother's children. His sister, Louella May, deceased, was the wife of Rev. Dr. David S. Schaff, son of Dr. Phillip Schaff, formerly of the Union Theological Seminary of New York, while Rev. Dr. David Schaff has long been prominent in the Presbyterian Church and educational affairs. Doctor Haynes has a brother, Earl P. Haynes, who is a well known educator.

The early youth of Dr. John T. Haynes was spent in Butler County, Ohio, where he attended the public schools. When his father removed to Richmond, Indiana, he attended Earlham College of that city, and in 1889 he graduated M. D. from the Miami Medical College of Cincinnati. For a short time he was connected with a Cincinnati hospital, but soon accepted an appointment as assistant surgeon of the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Home at Sandusky. In August of 1891 he was made chief surgeon of the hospital of the Soldiers and Sailors Home, and has held that position by uninterrupted service for twenty-seven years.

Doctor Haynes is a republican in politics, a member of the Presbyterian Church, also of the Masonic fraternity, and has attained the thirty-second degree in Scottish Rite Masonry. In 1891 he married Olive D. Ashton, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Ashton of Piqua, Ohio. Six children were born to Doctor and Mrs. Haynes, five sons and a daughter, as follows: Ashton H., Dorothy W., Leonard P., Paul T. and Hunter H. The second child, John H., died in infancy. Doctor Haynes has been a member of the United States Board of Pension Examiners of Sandusky, Ohio, for the past twenty-five years.

J. J. Hepburn. One of the veteran railroad men of Sandusky, James J. Hepburn has been a resident of this city for the past quarter of a century.

He was born February 24, 1862, in Scotland, and came to America in 1880. He first located at Lima, Ohio, where he was connected with the Lake Erie & Western Railroad as a car builder in the shops at Lima, and held a position there until September, 1891. Before coming to this country he had served a thorough apprenticeship in the cabinet maker's trade, and was thus thoroughly qualified to become an expert workman for the railroad company.

In 1891 Mr. Hepburn became foreman of the locomotive department and roundhouse of the Lake Shore and the Lake Erie & Western Railroad at Sandusky.

N. J. Hunt. In the commercial history of Sandusky, and particularly in the branch relating to the coal industry, the name of N. J. Hunt has appeared prominently since 1879. At various times he has been connected with coal concerns of prominence in the city, and now is one of the leading merchants in this line as head of the firm of Hunt & Weis, wholesale and retail dealers. Few men have better records for straightforward business conduct and for success gained without animosity.

Mr. Hunt was born in Erie County, Ohio, June 10, 1862, and is a son of W. B. Hunt. His father, a native of England, emigrated to the United States with his parents in 1851, taking up his residence at Sandusky, where he subsequently became a leading figure in both business and public life. He was known as one of the most prominent and successful of the city's veterinary surgeons and for over twenty years was prescription clerk in the drug business of J. H. Emmerick. Politically a stanch republican, he took an active and helpful part in civic affairs, devoting much of his energy and abilities to the promotion of movements and enterprises for the public welfare. Elected mayor of the city, he served with such ability and faithfulness that he succeeded himself twice, and his entire administration was marked by progress and the innovation of sound and practical measures for the city's good. He died in 1913, at an advanced age, honored and respected by all who knew him.

The second of his parents' children, N. J. Hunt was given his education in the public schools of Sandusky, and received his business training under the practical preceptorship of his father. He was only twenty years of age when he entered upon a career that has since brought him position and prosperity, at that time embarking in the coal business with C. M. Thorpe. During the years that followed he was interested either as an official or an employe in a number of the leading coal concerns of the city, and subsequently became owner by absorption of the different partnerships, the companies either selling out or suspending business. Among these may be mentioned such firms as Worley Brothers & Smith and the Worley Coal Company. In 1897 Mr. Hunt formed a partnership with C. N. Weis in the founding of the present concern of Hunt & Weis, wholesale and retail dealers in coal and ice, with retail yards on

Railroad Street between Wayne and Hancock streets, and fuel docks on the Baltimore & Ohio, Big Four and Pennsylvania railroads, and office and yard on Railroad Street, between Wayne and Hancock streets. This business has been developed into one of the largest in Erie County, through the judgment, energy and foresight of its chief executive officer, who is one of the best known men in the trade in Ohio. Mr. Hunt is capable of close and prolonged application and has executive and organizing talents of a very high order that fit him for planning and prosecuting enterprises of vast magnitude. He has entered into the founding and promotion of ventures outside of the immediate field of his business, and is at this time treasurer of the Peninsular Steamboat Company of Sandusky. In all of the great enterprises which have interested the people of Sandusky—patriotic, benevolent, educational and philanthropic—he has taken a deep interest and at the same time has been a liberal contributor toward such projects. As a fraternalist, he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of the World and to the Knights of the Maccabees, and to the United Commercial Travelers of Ohio, as well as to other orders. In political matters he unswervingly supports the principles of the republican organization.

On October 4, 1881, in Erie County, Ohio, Mr. Hunt was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Mathews, of this county, and they have become the parents of two children: Roland H., born July 23, 1888; and Harold N., born December 28, 1889.

W. E. Guerin, Jr. In the legal profession there is no more difficult field than that which deals with corporation law. The successful practitioner in this branch of jurisprudence must not alone be a broad and thorough master of his vocation, but a business man of acuteness and foresight, for his is the field of practical law in which fact and logic are given prestige over theory and oratory. One of the most capable among the corporation lawyers of the Erie County bar is W. E. Guerin, Jr., the representative of large business interests at Sandusky and elsewhere and the organizer of a number of important industries.

Mr. Guerin was born November 24, 1871, at Fort Scott, Kansas, and is a son of William E. and Martha E. (Reynolds) Guerin. His father still survives at the age of sixty-seven years, making his home at Portland, Oregon. The eldest of a family of four children, W. E. Guerin, Jr., received his early education in the public schools of Columbus, Ohio, whence the family had removed when he was a child, and later entered the Ohio State University, where he completed his literary course. He next became a student of the law department of Cornell University, from which he was duly graduated, and in 1893, was admitted to the bar at Columbus, Ohio. For 1½ years he practiced at the capital city and then came to Sandusky and became a member of the law firm of Peeke & Guerin, a partnership which lasted only for a short time, Mr. Guerin withdrawing to become connected in partnership with Mr. Hull, under the firm style of Hull & Guerin. This combination was dissolved when Mr. Hull was appointed to a place on the Common Pleas bench, and Mr. Guerin then became a member of the firm of Wickham, Guerin & French. The senior partner of this concern was a native of Norwalk, Ohio, a veteran of the Civil war and one of the most able and distinguished lawyers of Northern Ohio. In 1900 the firm was dissolved, Mr. Guerin then joining Judge E. B. King, as King & Guerin. Since 1912 Mr. Guerin has been engaged in practice alone, and his fertility of resource and vigor of professional treatment have continued to aid him in his progress to professional reputation and the attainment of a large legal business. He has been a factor in the upbuilding of Sandusky as one of the promoters and organizers of numerous business enterprises

and from their inception has continued to act as their legal representative, being also secretary and treasurer of the Sandusky Foundry Machine Company. He belongs likewise to the Chi Psi fraternity, to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the Masons, in which he is a Shriner and has attained the thirty-second Scottish Rite degree. His social connections include membership in the Cleveland Athletic Club and the Sunyendeand Club. While Mr. Guerin has been a professional man rather than a politician or participant in public life, he served Erie County capably as a representative in the Seventy-fifth General Assembly of Ohio. With his family, he belongs to the Congregational Church.

Mr. Guerin was married March 7, 1895, to Miss Alice Greenleaf, of Columbus, Ohio, and they are the parents of one daughter: Mary Bancroft, born July 10, 1897, who is now a member of the sophomore class of Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts.

C. L. Wagner. In the City of Sandusky where he was reared and has spent practically all his life, C. L. Wagner has a record of progressive success in business affairs. From a clerkship he has risen to a place where he is a controlling factor in the principal concern handling ice on the southern shore of Lake Erie.

Though his home has nearly always been in Sandusky C. L. Wagner was born in Cleveland, October 24, 1852. His father, Julius Wagner, was born in Germany. He came to Sandusky in 1849, and as a car builder and joiner by trade was in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for fifteen years. He married Miss Elizabeth Raymond and of their family of six children three are still living.

The oldest in the family, C. L. Wagner received his education and early training in the public schools of Sandusky and at home. For six years he worked as a clerk in a local store, and there laid the foundation of a sound business experience. After that he was a salesman for ten years in the retail dry goods house of Zerbe & Company, and then entered merchandising for himself, in the partnership of Wagner, Powers & Bradbeck. When this company sold out he continued for himself in the carpet business up to 1885.

In that year Mr. Wagner organized the Wagner Bros. Wholesale & Retail Ice Company. This subsequently became the Wagner Lake Ice Company, with Mr. Wagner as president and general manager. The business has a record of fifty years behind it, having been established in 1865 and incorporated in 1888. The storage capacity is said to be the largest around the southern shore of Lake Erie. While the business started on the basis of handling, storing and distributing lake ice, its development subsequently included the handling of coal, builders material of all kinds, and the concern was both wholesale and retail. But in 1906 this company was consolidated with several others into the Interstate Ice Company, which was later taken over by the City Ice Delivery Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mr. Wagner is general manager of the wholesale department. The business is now a part of a large organization with its main offices in Cleveland, but Mr. Wagner remained as general manager of the wholesale business at Sandusky and Michigan. Thus Mr. Wagner has had a thoroughly successful business career, and together with that record has exhibited a public spirited generosity in behalf of everything that would promote the welfare of his home city.

Edward G. Walsh. In Sandusky and elsewhere in Northern Ohio might be found many conspicuous examples of the work done by the brick contracting firm of Walsh Brothers, the leading firm of its kind

C. L. Wagner

in Sandusky, with fully thirty years of successful existence. Both brothers are thoroughly capable men, have splendid technical preparation for their trade, and their success is of a character that can be readily demonstrated by brief inspection of their work.

Born November 3, 1850, in Sandusky, Edward G. Walsh is a son of Patrick and Sarah (Roney) Walsh. His father was born in Ireland and came to America in 1846, spending one year in Schenectady, New York, and then coming to Sandusky. He was a stone mason by trade, and followed that vocation throughout his entire career. He died in 1873. He was one of the early settlers of Erie County, and as a stone mason he had to work in those early days for wages as low as 50 cents a day. In 1853 he moved west to Iowa, locating at Decorah, and he remained there until 1873, when he returned to Sandusky, where he died shortly afterward.

Of three children the only survivors are Edward G. Walsh and his brother, Michael H. Walsh. These brothers formed a partnership in 1885 as Walsh Brothers, and they have been associated in business affairs ever since. Michael H. Walsh was born October 9, 1858, in Decorah, Iowa. He married Miss Alice Conley of Sandusky, Ohio, and they have one child, Mary, a student in the Sandusky High School. Michael H. Walsh is a member of the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Order of Foresters, and was a member of the Sandusky City Council two terms. He is a staunch democrat in politics.

At sixteen years of age Edward G. Walsh began learning the trade of brick layer, and his brother took up the trade about the same time. They have done much of the finest brick work in Sandusky. They constructed the I. O. O. F. Building, the Kingsbury-West Block, the James D. Lea Building at the corner of Market and Wayne streets, the No. 1 Engine House, the St. Paul and St. Peter School Building, better known as the Father Lidley Memorial Hall and School Building, and many other structures that might be pointed out in every section of the city.

Mr. Walsh is a member of the Catholic Church, of the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters, is a democrat in politics and has served on the Sandusky Board of Education for four years.

He was married January 9, 1877, in Erie County to Miss Ann Kelley. Nine children were born to their union, but the four now living are Edward P., Michael A., Henry and Desmond.

Lorenz Zorbach. One of the oldest and most successful building contractors of Sandusky is Lorenz Zorbach. His home has been in that city for more than thirty years. A large list of important structures might be drawn up to specify to his skill and resources as a business man. He is one of Sandusky's most substantial and esteemed citizens.

Born March 28, 1852, in Germany he came to America in 1882 at the age of thirty years, accompanied by his wife and one son. He located at Sandusky, and here exercised the art which he had acquired as a young man in Germany, as a journeyman carpenter. He followed the trade as a journeyman actively for ten years, and in 1892 started out for himself as a building contractor. Since then in twenty-three years he has constructed some of the most substantial public and private buildings of the city. A few that might be mentioned are the Seventh Ward addition to the school building; the Boeckling Building on Columbus Avenue; the Woodword Building and the Frank residence on Adams Street. Seven beautiful residences on Central Avenue with many others of like construction testify also to his work.

Mr. Zorbach is a republican. On February 12, 1877, he married

Miss Wilhelmina Bentz. To their marriage have been born the following children: William, John, Frank and Helen.

GODFRED OPPLINGER. Any man who has accomplished as much as Godfred Opplinger since he came to the United States a little more than thirty years ago has a just cause for pride. At his beautiful little farmstead in Vermilion Township he is now living with most of his children grown to useful manhood and womanhood, and has surrounded himself with everything to make life comfortable and enjoyable.

He is a representative of the sturdy Swiss people who in considerable numbers have helped to make Erie County what it is today. He was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, January 1, 1859. The family has lived in Switzerland for many generations. His grandfather was Fritz, Sr., and his father also bore the name of Fritz or Fred. The grandfather spent all his days in Canton Berne, and Fred Opplinger was also reared in the same district. He learned the trade of tinsmith and became a master of his trade and in that way he provided for his family. He died in his native canton at the age of forty-five in 1861. By his first marriage he had children named John, Frederick and Marian, all of whom died in Canton Berne. For his second wife he married Anna Bartschte of the same canton. They had been born and reared in the Village of Buchholterbach. Long after the death of her first husband, and after her marriage to Jacob Roth, when she was sixty years of age, she came to the United States, and she died near the home of her son Godfred in Vermilion Township in 1908 at the age of about seventy-eight. Jacob Roth, her second husband, is still living there at the age of past seventy. All the family were members of the Reformed Church.

Godfred Opplinger had only one full brother, Christian. He came to the United States and died at Lakewood near Cleveland, and his widow and seven children are still living there. Godfred Opplinger grew up in Switzerland, and was educated in both the French and German tongues. When he was twenty-three years of age he married there Miss Anna B. Fuher. She was born in the same village as her husband on July 17, 1860. Her parents, Christian and Anna (Benkli) Fuher, were natives of Canton Berne and farming people there. Her father died at the age of seventy-three and her mother at sixty-five.

In young manhood Godfred Opplinger followed the trade of cheese maker, for which the Swiss are famous. After his marriage he took up various employments, and in 1881 he brought his little family to the United States, locating in Cleveland, and a year later moved to South Amhurst, where he found work in a stone quarry for eight years. He returned to Cleveland for one year, and in 1900 came to Vermilion Township where he invested his carefully accumulated savings in a farm of twenty-five acres. He has since then effected a number of improvements and now has a productive and profitable small fruit farm, devoted to the smaller fruits, with about an acre of grapes.

While his years have been filled with the cares and responsibilities connected with gaining a living and providing properly for his children, Mr. and Mrs. Opplinger have now reached a period of life when they can take things somewhat leisurely. Of the nine children that were born into their home, two are deceased, Emma and Ferdinand. Of those still living a brief record is as follows: Rose is the wife of William Crumm, a railroad conductor living at Collinwood, and they have children named Etta, Bonnabell and Mildred, while by a former marriage to Charles Newman she had two children named Charles and Dorothy. Frederick, the oldest living son, lives in Lorain, where he is a piano dealer and he married Irene Nichols. Fredia is the wife of Martin Schuster, a farmer of Vermilion Township, and their children are Luella.

Sidney Trohman.

Ruth, Esther and Ray. Flora and Fannie, twins, are now grown women, the former being the wife of Asa Broughton, while Miss Fannie is still at home. Ida has completed her education in the public schools and is at home, and the youngest child, Edward, is still a member of the home circle. Mr. and Mrs. Opplinger are members of the Reformed Church, and in politics he is a democrat.

SIDNEY FROHMAN. Thirty-five years old, Sidney Frohman has in a brief career made as good use of his talents and opportunities as probably any other young business man of Sandusky. He is now officially identified with some half dozen active industries and business concerns, and is one of the young men of distinctive leadership in the city.

Born January 2, 1881, in Sandusky, he is a son of David and Rachael (Straus) Frohman, who were natives of Germany. The late David Frohman, who came to America some time in the '50s, lived the rest of his career in Sandusky, and became a successful manufacturer and also took a leading part in civic affairs. He was a member of the city council for a number of years, and was especially active in the Order of the Odd Fellows, and filled all the chairs in the Uniform Rank of that fraternity.

The youngest in a family of nine children, Sidney Frohman received his early education in the public schools of Sandusky and in 1901 graduated from the Sandusky Business College. Just fifteen years ago he started his business career as clerk in the Peoples Electric Railway, and from that he became freight agent for the Sandusky, Milan & Norwalk Electric Railway. For one year he was secretary to R. E. Danforth, general manager of the Lake Shore Electric Railroad Company. For eight years he was secretary of the Sandusky Foundry & Machine Company, of which he was one of the organizers and one of the original directors.

In 1910 Mr. Frohman became treasurer of the Hinde & Dauch Paper Company, and in the past five or six years has rapidly accumulated business interests in various lines. He is treasurer of the Dauch Manufacturing Company; president of the Frohman Chemical Company; vice president and treasurer of the Sanitary Paper Bottle Company; treasurer of the Riverside Orchard Company at Payette, Idaho; and a director in the American Paper Bottle Company of Philadelphia. He is also a director of the American Paper & Pulp Association of New York and director of the Corrugated Fibre Company, of Dayton, Ohio. Fraternally he is much interested in Masonic affairs, is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite, a Shriner, and is a director in the Masonic Temple Association of Sandusky. In politics he is a republican. He belongs to the Federated Commercial Club of Sandusky, the Sunyendeand Club, the Sandusky Golf Club, and the Sandusky Yacht Club. On April 27, 1905, he married Miss Elnora Dauch.

GEORGE H. DEWITT. For a great many years the name DeWitt has been prominently associated with the financial affairs and public utilities of Sandusky and Erie County. George H. DeWitt was for many years an active factor in the pioneer interurban line of Ohio, between Sandusky and Milan and Norwalk. He is now living retired, but in his former years has effected much that is permanent in Sandusky's business life.

A native of Erie County, he was born February 24, 1847, a son of W. H. and Hannah (Buck) DeWitt. W. H. DeWitt was born in New Jersey and his wife in Pennsylvania. He came to Erie County in 1830 and was one of the very early settlers at Sandusky, which was then a very small hamlet. His first enterprise there was farming, but later he became a building contractor and still later bought a brick yard and

manufactured brick until within a short time of his death. He was a citizen of integrity and of unimpeachable honor, and stood very high in all the relations of a long and busy lifetime. He died in 1901. He was a devout Methodist and worshipped in that faith all his career from childhood.

Of the three children in the family, George H. DeWitt is one of the two now surviving. He was educated in the public schools of Sandusky, but at the age of fifteen started out to make his own way and worked as a clerk in a dry goods store and still later followed the same line of business for himself at Salem, Ohio. He continued a merchant there for six years and then returning to Sandusky became identified with the old horse car street railway. Perhaps as much as any individual he helped to develop Sandusky's traction interests. He was a director in the old Sandusky Street Railway, and afterwards became associated with others in the People's Electric Street Railway, which built and installed the electric line running out to the Soldiers Home. Still later he was one of the prime factors in the building of the interurban line known as the Sandusky, Milan & Norwalk, which was the pioneer electric interurban line in the State of Ohio. After the road was constructed and the company thoroughly organized he became its president and manager, and he held that official position for eight years until the property was sold to parties outside of Sandusky. Since then he has lived largely retired, and spends his time looking after his private interests.

Mr. DeWitt has always been a public spirited and unselfish citizen and willing to work for the best interests of Sandusky in every way. He has given his time and energy to the promotion of a number of business enterprises, and has been highly prosperous. He is a member of the Sunyendeand Club.

On October 10, 1876, he married Miss Fannie A. Summers of Salem, Ohio. Their two children are Helen, born in October, 1880; and Lucy, born in October, 1885. Helen is now Mrs. August Kuebeler, Jr., of Sandusky, and Lucy is Mrs. George McCune of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and the mother of two children, Clodagh and Pargny.

Chas. P. Caldwell. Probably no other man in Sandusky has a wider range of acquaintance among the leading public men of Ohio and the nation, covering the last thirty or forty years, than Chas. P. Caldwell. Mr. Caldwell has had a versatile career, was in the newspaper business for many years, and for over twenty years has been a United States custom official at Sandusky.

Born January 27, 1852, in Bristol, Ohio, he is a son of Eben E. and Harriet D. (Cox) Caldwell. His father, who was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, moved to the State of Wisconsin and engaged in the industry of raising blooded horses. Then prior to the war he went South, purchased several plantations and began the raising of cotton on an extensive scale and with the typical enterprise and thrift of a northern man. He had his interests in several localities of the South, but after the war, in 1868, he located in Cleveland and bought two lake steamers which he employed in shipping wheat from Duluth. He was in the grain business for ten years, and after his retirement spent his time quietly at his country home in Trumbull County.

The only child of his parents, Chas. P. Caldwell was given all the opportunities and advantages which a growing boy could utilize. He attended school in Montgomery, Alabama, and at Cleveland, Ohio, and finished his education in Hiram College in Ohio. While in college he became acquainted with many men then or subsequently noted in public life. One of these was James A. Garfield, later president of the United States. Mr. Garfield, as is well known, was connected with the faculty

of Hiram College for a number of years, and Mr. Caldwell was one of his pupils. In after years he formed a close personal acquaintance with Garfield and also with McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft. All these presidents reposed utmost confidence in Mr. Caldwell, and gave him the official positions which he has held at various times. For many years he was correspondent and in other ways identified with newspapers, and this work brought him into contact with the leading men all over the country. In 1892 he was appointed a United States customs officer in Sandusky, and has continuously held that office down to the present time.

Gottlieb F. Hauff. Probably no citizen in Erie County could surpass in enterprise and solid industry those who came to this county from Germany or are of German parentage. A number of those who are natives of this county and of this substantial element in the second or third generation have inherited the solid virtues of their ancestors, and have combined with those a certain progressiveness and public spirit that make them most admirable American citizens and valuable factors in their respective communities.

Of this class is Gottlieb F. Hauff, a young farmer and stock raiser of Vermilion Township. His home is near Mittewanga, where he owns the old family homestead, on which he was reared and educated. He has owned this place since 1913, and has surrounded himself with many of the comforts and the modern facilities for carrying on agricultural enterprise with the highest degree of profit and a minimum of inconvenience. He and his wife have a good six-room house and plenty of farm buildings to meet the requirements of their farm. The place is well stocked, and its fields are very productive. The broad acres produce crops of all the staples for which Erie County is noted, and in yield some of Mr. Hauff's acres are unexcelled.

Mr. Hauff was born in Vermilion Township, and has spent here all his active career. He made his own start in the world, and having shown himself capable of independent work, he steadily prospered and enjoyed increasing confidence in the eyes of his neighbors, and is now well settled, having bought his present place from his father, Christian Hauff, a prominent Erie County citizen, to whom reference is made on other pages of this work.

On November 1, 1911, at Huron, Ohio, Gottlieb F. Hauff married Miss Anna M. Bartzen. She was born in Huron March 24, 1892, and received her education in that town. Her parents were Peter and Margaret (Ellenz) Bartzen. Her father was born in Bitenburg, Germany, in 1864, and is of mingled German and French stock. He came to America when a very young man, making the voyage by steamship, and after settling in Huron he married a young woman from Perkins Township. Peter Bartzen died April 16, 1914. He was a blacksmith by trade, and a man whose industry and integrity commended him to the confidence of a large community of friends. His wife passed away December 12, 1905, at the age of fifty-two. Both were members of the Evangelical Church and in politics he was a republican. Peter Bartzen was a son of Nicholas and Margaret Bartzen, who spent their lives in Germany. Nicholas was seventy-nine when he died and his wife was forty-five, she having passed away when her son Peter was five years of age. In earlier generations of the Bartzen family their religion was that of the Catholic Church, Nicholas Bartzen was also a blacksmith, and he taught his son Peter that trade. Mrs. Hauff is one of nine children, five of whom are still living, and all married but one.

Mr. and Mrs. Hauff are the parents of two children: Harvey G., born September 16, 1912; and Christian Gilbert, born October 4, 1915.

Mr. Hauff is a member of the Reformed Church while his wife belongs to the Evangelical Association. In politics he is independent.

E. B. Ackley. Sandusky has for many years been greatly indebted to the services of E. B. Ackley as a leader in musical affairs. He has been a resident of that city more than twenty years and has done much to extend the appreciation of good music throughout the city.

Born November 1, 1871, in Illinois, Mr. Ackley developed his musical talent by home study and much diligent practice, and for a number of years has been actively identified in some official way with musical affairs. In 1893 he came to Sandusky, having been engaged as a director of music at Cedar Point, and he also became musical instructor for the Sandusky Band. This band has for a number of years been classed as one of the most popular bands in the state. For the past twelve years Mr. Ackley has conducted a business of his own, one of the most perfectly equipped billiard halls in the city, containing twelve tables.

He is now instructor of the High School Orchestra in the Sandusky city schools, and donates his services to that work as a matter of civic duty. Mr. Ackley is a popular member of the Masonic order, affiliated as follows: Perseverance Lodge, No. 329, F. & A. M.; Sandusky Chapter, No. 72, R. A. M.; Sandusky Council, No. 26, R. A. S. M.; Erie Commandery, No. 23, K. T.; and with Scottish Rite, Fourteenth Degree, Valley of Toledo. He is a member of the Sandusky Council United Commercial Travelers, is president of the A. F. of M., and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he is a republican. In 1904 he married Miss Ida Frohman of Sandusky.

August W. Nieding. In his work as a farmer and fruit grower, in his public spirited relationship to all community affairs, and in his standing at home and abroad, August W. Nieding is one of the most highly respected citizens of Vermilion Township, and occupies a beautiful small estate near Joppa Corners on Rural Route No. 2. For years he was steadily engaged in agricultural affairs, but in recent years has advanced in prosperity to the extent that he can relax some of his strenuous toil.

He was born in the Village of Vermilion November 23, 1856, a son of George and Ann C. (Meister) Nieding. His parents were both born in Kurhessen, Germany, the father in 1831 and the mother in 1832. They were of old German families. George Nieding's father was a well to do German farmer. George was still only a boy, seventeen or eighteen years old, when his father died, and his mother married a Mr. Conrad Heier, and both spent the rest of their lives in Germany. George was the oldest son. Owing to a misunderstanding with his step-father when he was twenty-one years of age, he left his native land and immigrated to the United States. He was forty-two days in making the voyage by sailing vessel from Bremen to New York City. He came on west as far as Cleveland, and there got work at the trade of shoemaking, which he had learned back in Germany. From Cleveland he went to Brownhelm Township in Lorain County, and for four or five years worked on a farm and as a butcher. He was married in the City of Lorain in Lorain County, and then came to the Village of Vermilion, where he followed his trade a year, then worked for two years in the ship yards, and for the next seven years was in the employ of Burton & Pierce, well known general merchants, grain dealers and shippers. His next employment, for nearly three years, was with Capt. William Bradley, in the latter's sawmill. George Nieding after these varied experiences returned to farming as the pursuit of his later years. He bought thirty-five acres in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County, but some years

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later sold that and bought fifty-one acres in Vermilion Township, Erie County. Both he and his wife were very industrious and thrifty people, and they increased their holdings to ninety-six acres. George Nieding was a very generous man, had many friends, but had the weakness of being too prone to sign papers and obligate himself in behalf of his friends, and in consequence he lost the farm in Vermilion Township. Some years later his son August W. bought back most of the place and his parents had the satisfaction of spending their remaining years there. George Nieding passed away in 1903 and his wife in 1899. They were active members of the German Reformed Church, and in politics he was a republican. Of their children, August W., was the only son. The daughters were: Martha, who died at the age of six years; Anna, who died in 1901, leaving two sons and two daughters; Minnie, who died at the age of nine; Christie, who is a widow and resides with her large family of children in the Village of Vermilion.

August W. Nieding spent his early life in Erie and Lorain County. He acquired most of his education in the Village of Vermilion. On reaching his majority he lived for a few years on the old homestead in Vermilion Township, and subsequently bought twenty-four acres of land, which he occupied only eighteen months, when he left to engage in the wine and liquor business in Toledo. He was in that city two years and from there went to Dundee, Michigan, where he followed farming and also contracted to furnish timbers to railroads. After two years in Michigan Mr. Nieding returned to Erie County and bought twenty-six acres in Vermilion Township. That constituted his home and the scene of his productive efforts for fourteen years. Selling that, he bought ninety acres of the old homestead where his parents had lived as already noted, and he owned and operated that as a general farm for eleven years. Mr. Nieding finally deeded sixty-five acres of the old homestead to his daughter, Mrs. George Dickel, and then moved to his present estate of twenty-five acres just west of Joppa Corners. That is the home which he has chosen for his declining years, and represents in many of its features and improvements his individual enterprise. Mr. Nieding has a substantial seven-room house, and has a practically new red barn on a foundation 26x30 feet for the shelter of his grain and stock. One feature of the farm is a 300-tree peach orchard. His land is very productive, and here as elsewhere he has shown a degree of progressiveness that puts him among the leading farmers of Erie County.

Mr. Nieding first married Miss Nettie Crum. She was born in Pennsylvania in 1866, and died at her home in Vermilion Township July 20, 1912. Her one daughter is Florence, wife of George Dickel. After the death of his first wife Mr. Nieding married in Knox County, Ohio, Mrs. Mary (Denham) Witby, widow of Theodore Witby. There were no children by that marriage nor by the present union. Mrs. Nieding was born at Mount Vernon, Ohio, in 1871, was reared and educated there, and was five years of age when her mother died. Her father, Oscar Denham, is a farmer living at Fredericktown, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Nieding are active members of the German Reformed Church, and the first Mrs. Nieding was also a devout member of that congregation. In politics Mr. Nieding is a republican and has frequently been entrusted with township responsibilities and every confidence shown in him by his fellow citizens has been thoroughly justified by the integrity of his personal character and by his ability in managing his business affairs.

Christian Kropf. In the farming district of Florence Township are many prosperous and progressive men who believe that the happiest life as well as the most independent is to be lived on a farm. Prominent among these men is Christian Kropf. He is an excellent and pro-

gressive farmer and a man who can be depended upon in matters of local moment. Mr. Kropf has won prosperity by hard work. In earlier years he was a renter, from that graduated into independent ownership and now has a first-class farm not far from Vermilion postoffice.

Much of his thrift and energy can be explained from the fact that he was born in Switzerland. He was born in Canton Berne October 8, 1867. His people lived in Switzerland for generations. His parents were Christian and Alma Barbara (Wormwood) Kropf, who were born in the same Canton, were married there, and all of their six children were born in the same locality. The first of their children was named Christian, but died in infancy. The second was given the same name, and he is now the Erie County citizen above named. Elizabeth died after the family came to America at the age of eighteen. Anna was well educated, partly in her native country and partly in the United States, was for a number of years a missionary worker in Cleveland, and for the past four years has been a missionary at Canton, China. The son John lives in Vermilion Township near Axtel, is a well to do farmer, and by his marriage to Miss Anna Heinsley of Lorain County has three children named Hilda, Arnold and Leonard. Mary, who is unmarried, lives in Vermilion Township.

Christian Kropf was fifteen years of age when the family left Switzerland, took passage on a ship at Antwerp and thirteen days later landed in New York City. From there they came on west to Vermilion Township in Erie County, and established their home on a farm. On that land the parents spent the rest of their days. Christian Kropf, Sr., died August 30, 1914, when nearly seventy-nine years of age, his birthday having been in September. His wife passed away eleven years before, in March, 1902, at the age of seventy-two. Both were members of the Reformed Church, and the father was a democrat in politics.

It was in Erie County that Christian Kropf spent the remaining years of his boyhood and early youth. He received his education partly in Swiss schools and partly in this country, and has done much to improve every advantage since he started out for himself. For two years he rented land in Vermilion Township, and then made his first purchase of twelve and a half acres in the same township. He lived on that place four years, and then again was a renter for two years, operating a place of ninety acres. This farm was near Axtel in Vermilion Township. Having sold his first twelve and a half acres, he subsequently bought sixty-seven acres in Florence Township and in 1909 sold that at advantage and invested in the farm of sixty-three acres on the Butler State Road between Birmingham and Axtel, twelve miles from the north line of Florence Township. All but ten acres of this is in a high state of cultivation and improvement. Mr. Kropf knows farming as a business and profession, utilizes all his resources, and is not only a producer but has shown much ability in marketing his products. He raises the various grain and cereal staples, potatoes, has a two-acre apple orchard, and his farm has excellent business improvements, including a seven-room brown house surrounded with good outbuildings, including the main barn on a foundation 30x40 feet. He derives much of his revenues from live stock, to which he feeds most of his crops, and he keeps good grades of cattle, horses and hogs.

In Vermilion Township in 1895 Mr. Kropf married Mrs. Fannie (Champney) Moulton, widow of Arthur Moulton and daughter of Louis and Mary (Webster) Champney. The father was a native of Ohio and the mother of Massachusetts, and both were of the old New England stock. Her father was born in Vermilion Township of Erie County, a son of Francis and Eliza (Winton) Champney, who came as pioneer settlers from Connecticut to Erie County and spent the rest of their

lives in Vermilion Township. Francis Champney died at the age of eighty-five, while his wife passed away when only thirty-eight. They are buried in the Maple Grove Cemetery. Mary (Webster) Champney was fifteen years of age when her parents came to Vermilion Township. She was a daughter of Levi and Sarah (Robins) Webster, who were early settlers in Vermilion Township, spent their lives on a farm here, and Levi died at the age of eighty-five and his wife at eighty-four. The Websters were members of the Congregational Church. After Louis Champney and wife were married they made their home on a farm near Axtel in Vermilion Township, and for a great many years the Champneys have been among the best known and most substantial people of that community. Louis Champney died there in 1908. He was born in 1838. His widow is still living with her daughter Mrs. Albert Pease at the old Champney home near Axtel, and is seventy-one years of age and quite active though she has never been a very strong woman. She is a member of the Adventist Church. Mr. Champney was a strong democrat.

Mrs. Kropf by her first marriage had a daughter, Eva, who died in infancy, and a son, Roy A., who is married and lives in Elyria, Ohio, where he follows the business of insurance agent, statistician and enumerator. Mr. and Mrs. Kropf are the parents of the following children: Walter C., who lives at home and is in the second year of the high school; Jessie, attending the Birmingham High School; Flossie B., also in high school; Fred Louis, in the eighth grade; Edith E., in the sixth grade; Bernice E., in the fourth grade; and Nellie C., in the second grade. Mr. and Mrs. Kropf are members of the Adventist Church at Axtel, in which he is a deacon and superintendent of Sunday school. In politics he is a democrat and is always able to give a very strong and logical reason for his position in every political matter.

JOHN WHITWORTH. The kind of business success which benefits not only the individual but the entire community was that which was won by the late John Whitworth of Sandusky. He helped to give that city one of its largest industries, one by which the name Sandusky is known all over the country, and throughout his career was a conservative but public spirited citizen, and everything that he touched was the better for his influence.

He was born in Paterson, New Jersey, in 1852, and died at his home in Sandusky, September, 13, 1907. His parents, Jonathan and Nancy (Walwork) Whitworth, were born in England and on coming to this country first settled in Paterson, New Jersey, and from there in 1854 came to Sandusky. Jonathan Whitworth was a machinist by trade and for a number of years was in the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Shops at Sandusky.

Practically the entire lifetime of John Whitworth was spent in Sandusky, since he was only two years of age when the family moved to that town. He had limited advantages in the way of schooling, but was the type of man who succeeds no matter what his early handicap might be. His first regular employment began at the age of fifteen as clerk in a grocery store. He was also employed by the old co-operative store which once occupied the site of The Wagner Grocery Company. In a few years his thrift and energy had given him an independent position in local trade circles, and he became senior member of Whitworth & Free, which later became Whitworth & Quinn.

However, his most important business connection was with the American Crayon Company, in which, after retiring from the grocery trade, he became a director and treasurer, and still later was made general manager for the company, and superintended its extensive operations up to the time of his death. The American Crayon Company is the

largest concern of its kind in the world, and is largely due to the enterprise and genius of Sandusky men. Mr. Whitworth was one of the executive heads of the company while it was making its greatest growth and the industry deserves to be associated with his name and enterprise.

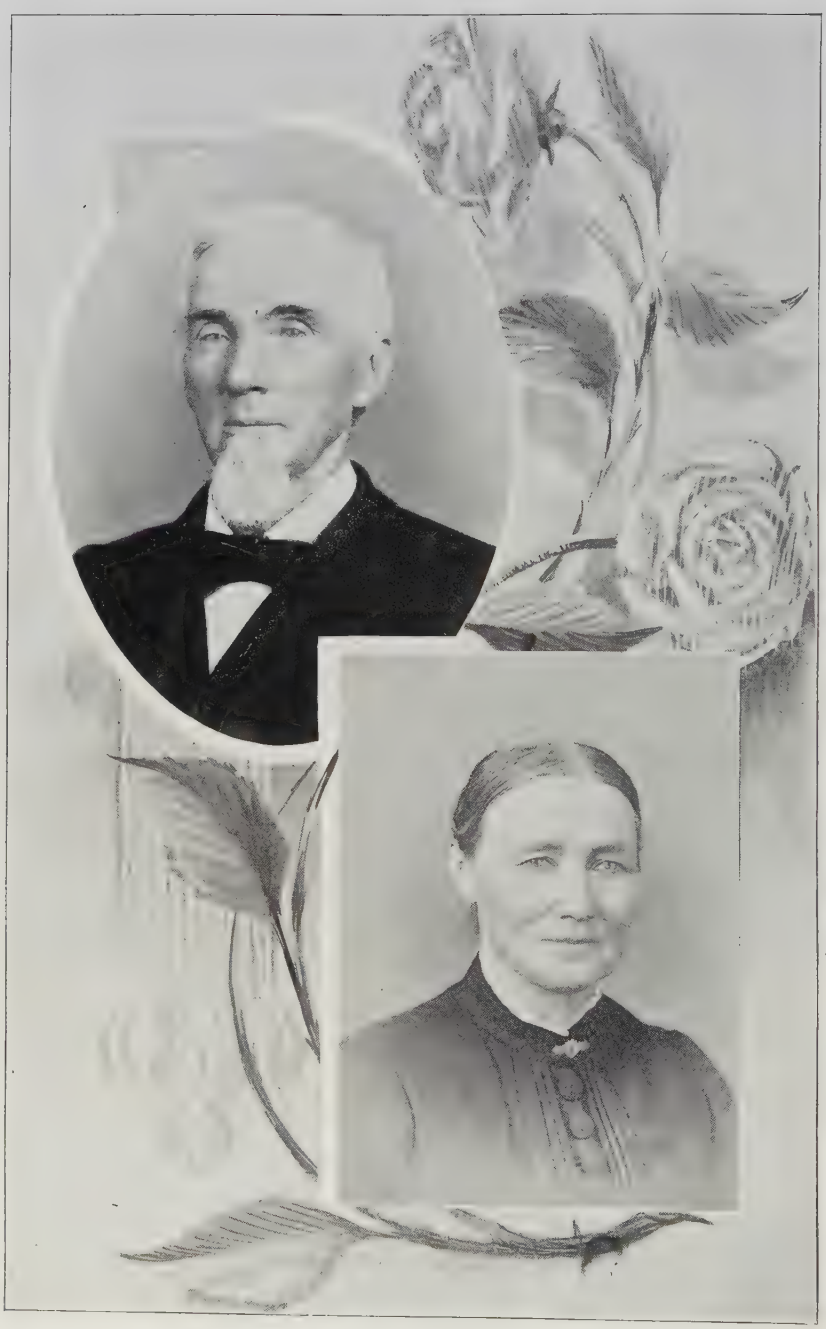
Mr. Whitworth also was well known as a banker and financier. He was at one time vice president of the old National Bank of Sandusky, and in September, 1902, when the Commercial National Bank was organized and absorbed the Second and the Moss National banks, Mr. Whitworth was chosen president of the new institution, and it was largely under his wise direction and counsel that it came to rank in the course of a few years with the leading financial institutions of Northern Ohio. He was also one of the organizers and was president of the Sandusky Building & Loan Association, was a director in the Sandusky Telephone Company, and his ability and services were utilized in many ways by the Chamber of Commerce, of which he was long an active member.

In July, 1889, Mr. Whitworth married Miss Carrie Curtis, a daughter of W. D. and Caroline (Cowdery) Curtis. W. D. Curtis helped to originate the manufacture of crayons in Sandusky, and out of the small business which he started nearly half a century ago was developed the American Crayon Company of the present time. Mrs. John Whitworth is still living at her home in Sandusky, and her children are: Mary and Millicent, and John Whitworth, Jr.

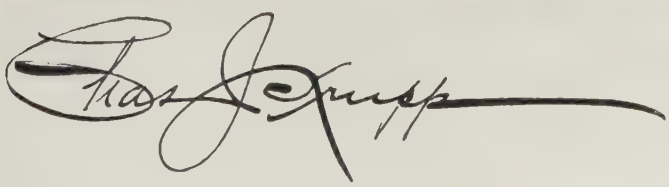
Chas. J. Krupp. Well known and highly esteemed as a professional and business man of Sandusky and noted throughout the State of Ohio as one of the pioneers in the advancement of the profession of embalming to its modern, scientific state, is Chas. J. Krupp, who is now devoting his time and attention entirely to funeral directing and to the embalming profession. For forty years he has been prominent in business, fraternal and religious affairs of his city and during that time he has been in positions of trust under two state administrations. He was born in Sandusky, April 28, 1857, a son of John Krupp, who was born in Germany, but was a pioneer resident of Erie County.

Chas. J. Krupp's grandfather was Charles Krupp. The latter left the fatherland in 1833 and came with his family to America after a stormy voyage of sixty-two days, landing in New York. From there he came by the way of the Hudson River and Erie Canal to Buffalo, thence via Lake Erie to Venice, then a part of Huron County, Ohio. Proceeding to that part of Seneca County now known as Franks, he purchased a tract of forest-covered land, and having cleared a space, erected the rude log cabin which was the first home of the Krupp family in America. In common with other pioneers of his day, he labored with unceasing toil to improve his land, performing no inconsiderable part in helping to develop the resources of that part of the country. Wild turkey, deer and other game were plentiful, helping largely to supply the family larder. He was industrious and energetic, and with the aid of his children, cleared from the wilderness a good farm, on which he spent his remaining days. The maiden name of his wife, whom he married in Germany, was Catherine Schabacher.

Born in Rhenish Bavaria, Germany, January 28, 1822, John Krupp was a lad of eleven years when he accompanied his parents to Ohio. He was the sixth oldest of ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Krupp. He attended the pioneer schools of Seneca County and, as soon as old enough, did his full share in helping his father to clear and improve a homestead. While in his teens he served an apprenticeship of three years at the cabinet maker's trade at Tiffin, the first year receiving his board and $22 in money; the second year receiving in addition to his board $32, that sum being increased the third year to $42. After work-



MR. AND MRS. JOHN KRUPP



ing at his trade as a journeyman for a short time, he entered the employ of the Sandusky, Mansfield and Newark Railroad Company at Sandusky. This was in 1845. Mr. Krupp was associated with the railroad as a pattern maker for twenty-two years and two months. Resigning that position in 1870, he was engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Sandusky until 1895 when he retired, being succeeded by his son, Chas. J. Krupp, who was already in partnership with him and his son-in-law, Henry T. Goebel.

After his retirement from the undertaking and furniture business, John Krupp continued to reside in Sandusky until his death which occurred February 25, 1911. He had been a very successful business man and acquired title to much valuable real estate within the City of Sandusky. He was one of the organizers of the Citizens Bank, of which he was vice president from 1886 until the time of his death. He was a devoted member of St. Mary's German Catholic Church.

On February 6, 1849, John Krupp was married at Thompson, Seneca County, Ohio, to Miss Catherine, the only child born to John and Catherine Simon, in what is known as New Prussia, in Germany, near Lorraine. She was in her twenty-second year at the time, having been born in 1827. To John and Catherine Krupp were born nine children, seven of whom have passed away. The departed ones were: Mary; Louisa, who was Mrs. Henry T. Goebel, of Sandusky; Catherine, who became Mrs. Herbert Herb, of Erie County; two sons each of whom was named John, Jacob and Jacob S. Those living are: Josephine, who is Mrs. Paul Miller, of Sandusky, and Chas. J., the special subject of this brief sketch.

Chas. J. Krupp attended the parochial schools of Sandusky until he was eleven years of age, after which he continued his studies at the Sandusky High School for two years. He was one of the youngest students who ever entered that institution. He gave up his school work at the age of thirteen, which was on May 1, 1870, to enter his father's employ. He soon became familiar with the business and at the end of eight years, was admitted to partnership, the firm name being John Krupp & Son. As stated above, the senior member of the firm retired in 1895 and the newly organized firm of Krupp & Goebel conducted the business for five years. The firm dissolved in 1900, Mr. Goebel continuing in the furniture business while Mr. Krupp assumed the undertaking, which he has since carried on with unquestioned success.

In 1882, Prof. Auguste Renouard, arriving from France, started his classes in scientific embalming in this country. His first class after leaving New York, was that at Detroit. Mr. Krupp was one of the class of nineteen embalmers who took the first instructions ever given by Professor Renouard. From that time on, Mr. Krupp has been a leader in the ranks of embalmers skilled in the modern process. He has ever been abreast of advancement in his profession and his fame as an embalmer has not been locally confined. His offices are now in the Masonic Temple and his undertaking establishment is one of the finest in its equipment in this section of the state.

Mr. Krupp married, on November 5, 1878, Ida M. Palmerton. She was born in Erie County, Ohio, a daughter of Joshua Evans and Sarah Maria Palmerton. Mrs. Krupp died April 23, 1906, leaving two children, namely: Ida Estella and Ira C. J. Ida Estella married Thomas Arthur Hicks, who is the chief chemist for the Atlas Cement Company, producers of all the cement used in the construction of the Panama Canal. Ira C. J. Krupp, who married Emeline Moss, now owns and occupies the homestead known as the Palmerton farm in Perkins Township, Erie County, Ohio.

On June 12, 1907, Chas. J. Krupp again married, his bride being Miss Mary Louise Buyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Buyer.

Mrs. Krupp was for fourteen years organist at Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church. In recent years Mrs. Krupp has been active in church and woman's organizations. She is treasurer of the Women's Building and Rest Room Association and is a member of the Catholic Woman's Study Club.

Mr. Krupp is prominently identified with various organizations. He is a member of the Ohio State Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association, of which he was president in 1893; and of the National Funeral Directors' Association. For six years he was a member of the Ohio State Board of Embalming Examiners, being president two years and its secretary for an equal length of time. Governors Myron T. Herrick and Andrew L. Harris were the executives who appointed Mr. Krupp to the state board, each making an appointment for a three-year term. For one year Mr. Krupp was vice president of the State and Provincial Board of Examiners for the United States and Canada.

Fraternally, Mr. Krupp is a member of Sandusky Council, No. 546, Knights of Columbus, of which he is past Grand Knight; of Sandusky Lodge, No. 285, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is past Exalted Ruler; of Saint George Court, No. 238, Catholic Order of Foresters, of which he is past Chief Ranger; of Protection Tent, No. 7, Knights of the Maccabees; of Sandusky Camp, No. 54, Woodmen of the World; and of Sandusky Aerie, No. 444, Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is also a member of the Sunyendeand Club.

Rev. Joseph E. Maerder. Concerning that distinctive portion of Erie County known as Kelley's Island a special article appears on other pages of this publication. Many of the inhabitants of the island are Catholic people and they constitute the Parish of St. Michael's Church. This church has been in existence about half a century. Nearly all the families of the parish are connected in some way or other with the primary industries of the island, grape growing, stone quarrying and fishing.

The presence of Catholic people on the island caused it to be visited as a station and mission from Sandusky and Port Clinton beginning in 1861. In 1867 St. Michael's Parish received its first resident pastor. Since then the list of resident pastors has been as follows:

Rev. Charles Kueman 1867
Rev. Nicholas A. Moes, D. D.....1867-1868
Rev. Jno. Köhn 1868-1869
Rev. Charles Wardy 1869-1874
Rev. Henry Dörner 1874-1875
Rev. Francis Metternich 1875-1876
Rev. E. M. W. Hills.....1876-1878
Rev. William Finucan 1878-1880
Rev. Jno. Mertes 1880-1885
Rev. Jno. T. O'Connell, LL. D.....1885-1887
Rev. Charles Reichlin 1887-1895
Rev. Albert Andlauer 1896-1898
Rev. Jno. Baumgartner 1898-1900
Rev. Jno. P. Schoendorff 1900-1909
Rev. Jno. Wagner 1909-1912
Rev. Joseph E. Maerder .....February 1, 1912

Special attention was called to St. Michael's by the recent (November 7, 1915) rededication of the parish church. This is the third dedication in the history of the parish. The church as it now stands is

architecturally a modified English Gothic style, and is well arranged and adapted for the different services carried on by the church.

Some of the pioneers and older families (in point of membership) still residing in the parish are Mrs. Honora Stokes, Mr. L. Hipp, Mrs. Erney; and the Bauman, Brennan, Duignan, Hauser, Healey, Lang, Leyden, McGettigan, Moross, Miller, Riedy, Seeholzer and Sennish families.

Rev. Joseph E. Maerder was appointed resident pastor of St. Michael's, Kelley's Island, on February 1, 1912, and in addition to his direction of that parish he also attends the church at Put-in-Bay and the mission at Middle Bass.

G. William Doerzbach. There is no more widely known firm of contractors in Northern Ohio than G. William Doerzbach & Bro. This is a business of long standing in Sandusky. G. William Doerzbach is a master of the various trades connected with building contracting, and his experience has been limited not merely to Erie County, of which he is a native, since his firm has executed contracts for various business and public buildings all over the United States.

Born March 8, 1852, at Sandusky, G. William Doerzbach is a son of Christopher and Louisa Doerzbach. His father was born in Reilsheim, Baden, and his mother in Waldshausen, in Bavaria, Germany. Christopher came to America in 1847, making the journey alone so far as relatives or friends were concerned, and he soon afterward located in Sandusky. For a few years he was employed on the old Mad River & Lake Railroad, and later followed various lines until his death in 1872. As a citizen of Sandusky he stood very high in the esteem of all who knew him, and deserves the memorial of this brief record.

G. William Doerzbach is a man who has largely been the architect of his own fortunes. While he had a good home in his youth and the privilege of the local public schools, he was only eight years of age when he chose an independent course and began work as a messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Company. An encyclopedia of biography might be written of the successful Americans who were at some time or other in their early careers messengers with the Western Union Company. It should be said of Mr. Doerzbach that he has practically paid his own way in the world almost since infancy. His first regular trade was cabinet-making, and he subsequently learned the carpenter's trade. For six years he worked as a journeyman carpenter and then went to Philadelphia and for one year was in the office of a leading architect, under whom he learned the fundamentals of his profession.

On returning to Sandusky from Philadelphia Mr. Doerzbach took charge of the Andrew Biemiller Opera House in November, 1876, but in 1878 branched out into the business toward which his efforts and experience had been tending for a number of years. As a contractor he possesses all the qualifications which insure confidence in his work and his reliability of performance. He continued in the business alone up to 1900, at which date he formed a partnership with his brother under the present firm name of G. William Doerzbach & Bro. A large number of buildings stand as monuments to their enterprise not only in Erie County but in many other towns and localities. They have not confined their efforts to any one particular branch of building, though on the whole their facilities have been chiefly used in the construction of public structures, including churches, courthouses, jails and filtration plants, etc.

While one of the most successful business men, Mr. Doerzbach is also a very public spirited citizen of Sandusky, and at different times has

identified himself with the leading movements and undertakings that have brought about the growth and development of the city.

F. E. Brightman. Not only in Sandusky but in manufacturing circles in a number of cities in the Middle West is the name of F. E. Brightman known and respected both for his executive ability and his genius as an originator and upbuilder in manufacturing lines. Mr. Brightman is now the head of one of the growing concerns in Sandusky.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, January 19, 1865, a son of J. W. and Deborah (Head) Brightman. His father, who was a native of Connecticut, came west in 1845 and thereafter lived in the City of Cleveland. He was married in that city and for forty years was connected with the Cleveland Paper Company, being its superintendent at the time of his death in 1885. He and his wife had five children, of whom F. E. Brightman was next to the youngest.

Mr. Brightman grew up in Cleveland, attended the public schools there and until the death of his father was in the latter's paper mill. After that he was in the machinery business, and his work has always been along mechanical and industrial lines. He has what his friends regard as a special genius in the perfection of machinery for manufacturing purposes. He was finally sent out to California to superintend a gold mine, and spent three years in that work, and his engagement was a very profitable thing to the company that sent him west. On his return to Cleveland Mr. Brightman was for a short time in his former business, and then moved to Pittsburg and for five years was at the head of the forging department of the Westinghouse Machine Company.

His relations with Sandusky business affairs have been continuous since 1907, when he was made general superintendent of the Brightman Nut Manufacturing Company. Five years later, in 1913, he organized the Marsh-Brightman Nut Company. This concern manufactures steel nuts for automobiles, and is one of the largest concerns of its kind in America. The plant comprises six nut machines, and each of these machines is the invention of Mr. Brightman. He also perfected a number of other devices and appliances for this industry, and the plant which means so much not only to him but to Sandusky as a city, has a capacity for turning out 80,000 nuts per week.

Mr. Brightman has taken over the business of the company as lessee, and now operates the plant independently.

He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In politics he is an independent republican.

William H. Truscott. In the personal and ancestral histories of both Mr. Truscott and his gracious wife there are to be found many data of distinctive interest. Both are representatives of fine patrician stock and Mrs. Truscott comes of the stanchest of Colonial ancestry, as is specially indicated by the fact that so numerous were her ancestors who were patriot soldiers in the War of the Revolution that, in her affiliation with the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, she has the distinction of being entitled to eleven bars. She is further to be designated as a representative of one of the earliest pioneer families of Erie County, and the attractive little Village of Birmingham, Florence Township, where she and her husband now reside in the fine old homestead of her ancestors, was founded by her paternal grandfather, who settled in this part of Erie County more than a century ago. After many years of successful identification with business interests Mr. Truscott is now living retired, one of the loyal and public-spirited citizens of Birmingham, and it is specially gratifying to present in this

F. E. Brightman.

publication a review of his career and genealogy and also to pay similar tribute to Mrs. Truscott.

William H. Truscott was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, in the year 1861. The Truscott family was one of ancient prestige in Wales, whence representatives of the name later went into Scotland, still later generations becoming prominent and influential in England. Samuel Truscott, grandfather of him whose name introduces this review, was born and reared in England, a scion of a distinguished and aristocratic London family, as is significantly indicated by the fact that his paternal grandfather served as the first lord mayor of the world's great metropolis, and later a son of the grandfather likewise held the high office of lord mayor of London, and having received the order of knighthood, under the name of Sir George Truscott.

Samuel Truscott was born in London and, being a younger son, he determined to avoid the comparative obscurity entailed by the system of primogeniture in his native land and to take advantage of the opportunities afforded in America. He came to the United States with an appreciable financial reinforcement to enable him to lay the foundation for successful business, and established his residence in the State of New York, where was solemnized his marriage to Miss Roxana Cooley, who was there born and reared and who was a sister of the late Judge Cooley, long the distinguished dean of the faculty of the law department of the great University of Michigan and recognized as one of the most eminent legists and jurists, as well as law educators and authors, in the entire United States, the Cooley family having been one of special prominence and influence in the State of New York.

A number of years after his marriage Samuel Truscott removed to the Province of Ontario, Canada, where his death occurred, his widow later removing with her children to Cleveland, Ohio, where she passed the residue of her life and where she died at a venerable age. They became the parents of two sons and two daughters—Samuel, Jr., William H., Elizabeth and Eliza. Samuel, Jr., father of the subject of this review, is more specifically mentioned in a later paragraph. William H. Truscott became an honored and influential citizen of Cleveland, where he was prominent in public affairs and where he represented the Eighth Ward in the city council. As a member of this municipal body he introduced and obtained the passage of the bill providing for the erection of the first great viaduct over the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland. Both he and his wife died in that city and were survived by two or more children. Elizabeth Truscott became the wife of Samuel Fernald, and they were survived by a number of children. Eliza Truscott married Maj. George Morris, and she preceded him to the life eternal. Major Morris was a gallant soldier and officer in an Ohio regiment during the Civil war, in which he rose to the rank of major, and in later years he was a captain in the marine service on the Great Lakes. He passed the closing years of his life in the Soldiers' Home at Sandusky, and he is survived by one child.

Samuel Truscott, Jr., was seven years of age at the time of his father's death and soon afterward accompanied his widowed mother on her removal to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was reared and educated and where he continued to reside until his death, at the age of seventy-seven years, his birth having occurred in the year 1823. He long held precedence as one of the most prominent and influential contractors and builders in Ohio's beautiful metropolis and was concerned with the erection of many of its finest public and private buildings prior to the Civil war. He was recognized as the leading contractor and builder of Cleveland and was an honored and influential citizen whose life was ordered upon the highest plane of integrity and usefulness. He was

the discoverer of the process of manufacturing ready-mixed paints for architectural and similar purposes and was the first to make practical application of the same, his effective enterprise in this line of manufacturing enabling him to become one of the substantial capitalists of Cleveland. In that city was solemnized his marriage to Miss Eliza Waite, who was born and reared in Cuyahoga County, the year of her nativity having been the same as that of her husband, 1823, and her age at the time of death having been seventy-two years. Her father, Philander Waite, was born near the mouth of the celebrated Hoosac Tunnel, in Massachusetts, and after his marriage he came with his wife from the old Bay State to Ohio and became one of the pioneer settlers of Cuyahoga County, where he reclaimed and improved a valuable farm and where he and his wife died when well advanced in years.

William H. Truscott, to whom this review is dedicated, was reared to adult age in the City of Cleveland and was afforded the advantages of its public schools. As a young man he there became associated with his father in the manufacturing of mixed paints, and for several years after the death of his father he individually continued the business, under the former firm name of S. Truscott & Son. The enterprise finally expanded to such proportions as to place too heavy a burden of responsibility upon him, and he thereupon sold his interest in the business and became a commercial representative for another important concern engaged in the same line of enterprise. For many years he continued his efficient services in this capacity, and his travels in the connection took him into every state in the Union.

In 1905 Mr. Truscott retired from active association with business affairs and removed with his wife to the latter's old home, at Birmingham, Erie County. Mrs. Truscott, whose maiden name was Helen Starr, was born in the ancestral homestead in which she now resides, and during the course of somewhat more than fifty years she has never abated her interest in the old home and in Erie County and its people, for this homestead and this section of the state are endeared to her through many gracious memories and associations. She is a woman of distinctive culture and is a recognized leader in connection with representative social activities in her native county. Her father, the late Hiram P. Starr, was born, more than ninety-five years ago, on the old farmstead on a part of which the Village of Birmingham is situated, and the place of his nativity was the pioneer dwelling erected by his father, Perez Hiram Starr, who was born in New London, Connecticut, about the year 1790, and a number of whose ancestors and other kinsmen were patriot soldiers of the Continental line in the War of the Revolution, the Starr family having been established in America for fully fourteen generations.

Perez Hiram Starr came from Connecticut to Cuyahoga County, Ohio, in 1808, and was a contemporary of Moses Cleveland, the honored pioneer in whose honor the City of Cleveland was named. Mr. Starr thus became one of the early settlers of the historic old Connecticut Western Reserve in Ohio and he established his home in the wilds near the present City of Cleveland, near the celebrated old Moravian colony and in a section where the Indians were far more numerous than the white settlers. On the banks of Tinker's Creek he built and placed in operation the first grist mill in Eastern Ohio, the timber for its erection having been taken from the heavily wooded tract of land which he had obtained in that part of Cuyahoga County. The old-time buhr-stones for the mill were transported with ox teams and wagons from New London, Connecticut, and it may readily be understood that a number of weeks were required to make the long overland journey, much of which was through the wilderness. His was the first grist mill erected within

the limits of the Western Reserve, and one of the stones installed in the same is now preserved, with proper inscription, in the Public Square of the City of Cleveland, constituting an historic relic of much interest and value.

In 1813 Perez Hiram Starr came to the site of the present Village of Birmingham, Erie County, prior to the famous victory won by Commodore Perry in the naval battle on Lake Erie, in the War of 1812, and he was one of the very first settlers in this section of the county, his primitive loghouse having been the first dwelling erected in what is now Florence Township. On the Vermilion River he erected the first grist mill in Erie County, and this ancient mill was within the present limits of the Village of Birmingham. At Elyria Mr. Starr erected the first mill within the present limits of Lorain County, and he built also the first mill at Ashland, the present judicial center of the county of the same name. As a practical and skilled millwright he supervised the building and operation of all these mills, and he was known and honored as one of the leading men of this part of the state. His father died as a result of injuries received while serving as a soldier in the War of 1812, and in recognition of this service, as well as of losses he had sustained in connection with the devastation wrought by Benedict Arnold in New London, Connecticut, there was awarded to the father a grant of land in Ohio, the portion which came into the possession of the son, Perez Hiram, being along the west side of Vermilion River, in what is now Florence Township, Erie County. Mr. Starr was one of the most prolific contributors to the initial development and upbuilding of this section of the county and in his old homestead at Birmingham he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1856, his wife, Nancy, surviving him by several years and likewise having attained to venerable age.

Hiram P. Starr, father of Mrs. Truscott, was reared to maturity in Erie County, under the conditions and influences of the pioneer days, and the self-application and broad practical experience of later years eminently supplemented the somewhat meager educational advantages which he received in his youth, by reason of the definite exigencies of time and place. He retained 170 acres of the old homestead place of his father and for many years he was a successful commercial traveler, a vocation through the medium of which he profited largely and gained high reputation. In the fine old home that had long been his place of abode he passed to the life eternal in May, 1895. He was a man of strong mentality and steadfast integrity, was influential in public affairs in his community, and in the critical period prior to the Civil war both he and his father acted as "conductors" on the historic "underground railway" through the medium of which many poor slaves were aided in gaining their freedom. His political support was given to the republican party from the time of its organization until his death.

At Norwalk, Huron County, was solemnized the marriage of Hiram P. Starr to Miss Ann J. Page, who was born and reared in that county and who died in 1865, in the old home at Birmingham, to which she came as a young bride. She was a representative of an old and prominent New York family, a comprehensive and interesting genealogical history of which has been compiled and published. Of the two children Mrs. Truscott is the younger, and the elder is Perez H., who resides in the City of Toledo, his one child, Ray, having died at the age of eighteen years.

Mrs. Truscott is well known throughout the county in which she was born and in which she is a popular representative of one of the most honored of pioneer families. She is affiliated with the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and is prominent in the social

life of the community, the while she is the gracious chatelaine of the beautiful old homestead that has ever been known for its generous hospitality and distinctive refinement. Mr. and Mrs. Truscott have but one child, and his character and achievement have brought honor to him and great pride to his devoted parents. This son, Starr Truscott, was graduated in the University of Michigan, in 1909, as a naval architect, and within a short period after his graduation he entered the employ of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, at Newport News, Virginia. Later he was associated in turn with shipbuilding companies in the cities of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Cleveland, Ohio, and in June, 1913, he was sent to the Isthmus of Panama to superintend the construction of a great caisson in front of the locks of the wonderful canal being there constructed by the United States Government. He successfully completed the work thus assigned to him, and thereafter he designed and planned the 400-pontoon bridge that was constructed across the canal under his direction, this being the only bridge thus constructed. Later he was appointed engineer of docks and wharves for the Canal Zone, a position of which he has since continued the able and valued incumbent. He is a young man of great mathematical, mechanical and scientific ability and is affiliated with many important professional and scientific organizations, including the National Geographical Society, the American Society of Naval Architects, and the National Society of Marine Engineers.

Mr. and Mrs. Truscott have in their home many valued and interesting heirlooms, including an ancient clock and many pieces of furniture that are more than 100 years old. The family history of each of them is of special historic interest, and it has been a pleasure to compile even the brief narration possible to present in a publication of the circumscribed province of the one here presented.

August Fettel. For more than thirty years one of the leading contractors in the City of Sandusky has been August Fettel. He is a man who thoroughly understands his business. He was a practical carpenter before he took up contracting. Many large contracts have been entrusted to him, and in their performance he has acqured a reputation for reliability and thoroughness and this reputation is as valuable to him as the capital invested in his plant and equipment.

He was born June 15, 1856, in Sandusky, a son of Martin and Catherine (Bauer) Fettel. His father, a native of Germany, came to America in 1849, locating in Sandusky, where he followed his trade as blacksmith. He came to this country with one brother. Martin Fettel died in 1875. Of his eight children five are still living.

The second in order of birth, August Fettel had only the advantages of a limited education. At the age of fourteen he began learning the trade of a carpenter. For nine years he worked in that vocation for one employer, Adam Feick. Then in 1882 he engaged in business for himself as a contractor and builder, and has since constructed some of the best public, business and private edifices in Sandusky and vicinity. He built the Cedar Point Pavilion, the Colonial Hotel at Put-in-Bay, and many ornate and conspicuous residences and public buildings.

Mr. Fettel is one of the splendid citizens of Sandusky, active socially and in business circles, is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the National Union, is a republican, and served four years as a member of the city council. He was president and treasurer of the old Turner Society when it was in existence.

On November 29, 1877, in Erie County, Mr. Fettel married Miss Augusta Rupprecht. The seven children born to them with dates of

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birth are: William J., June 30, 1878; Oscar R., July 15, 1880; Bertha A., August 31, 1882; Caroline M., January 5, 1885; Hedwick, December 11, 1892; Alma, January 8, 1894; and Laura C., July 26, 1898.

WILLIAM F. BURGER. For a number of years Mr. Burger has taken an active part in business and civic affairs of that section of Erie County known as Kelley's Island. He is a native son of that district, and now has one of the largest stores on the island and is the leading undertaker and embalmer.

His birth occurred September 11, 1864, not long after his parents, John and Christina (Dosterheft) Burger, had established their home on Kelley's Island. His father was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1859, locating first at Blackswan, Ohio, where he was employed as a general laborer. In 1862 he moved to Kelley's Island and became identified with one of the chief industries of the locality, grape culture. He devoted the rest of his life to that business and died in 1877. He was the father of a family of four children, of whom three survive.

The oldest, William F. Burger, received his early education in the public schools of Kelley's Island and also attended Cleveland College three years. He laid the foundation of his business career as a clerk for Mr. Elfers, in whose employ he remained fifteen years, and not only proved himself worthy of confidence and trust but gradually acquired a working capital of his own. Later he spent a short time in Cleveland, and then returned to Kelley's Island, where he engaged in business for himself as a general merchant. Since then he has added a department as an embalmer and undertaker, and has all the equipment and individual skill required to furnish a first-class service.

Mr. Burger is affiliated with the Masonic lodge and with the Knights of the Maccabees. He has been a member of the Board of Education of Kelley's Island for ten years, was clerk of the village four years, and is now a member of the Committee of Overseers of the Kelley's Island Cemetery, the overseers being appointed by the city council. On June 19, 1895, Mr. Burger married Miss Christina Ernst. Her father was Conrad Ernst of Cleveland. They have one son, William F., Jr., born January 19, 1904.

ALVIN SHOOP. To see how a progressive fruit grower gets the best results from his land and trees it is only necessary to visit the homestead of Alvin Shoop in Vermilion Township, on Rural Route No. 2 out of Huron postoffice. He carried on fruit farming in the same thorough and systematic manner that a merchant would run a successful store, or a factory owner would operate his machines and his labor.

The name Shoop is one of long standing and honorable associations in Erie County. Alvin Shoop was born on the Dutch Settlement Road in Vermilion Township, April 29, 1858. He grew up and has always lived in this township with the exception of five years spent in Hancock County, Ohio, where he was a general farmer. His home has been at Joppa Corners since 1900, when he bought the Daniel Minkler farm, comprising twenty acres of highly improved land. On this Mr. Shoop conducts a 2-acre vineyard, the average yield of which each year is five tons of grapes, noted for quality, and particularly the high percentage of sugar. He is also an extensive grower of small fruits, and now has an orchard of 700 bearing peach trees and ninety-nine apple trees not yet come into fruitage. He has neglected nothing to make his land productive to the highest degree. Among other things he has tile drained seven acres of his land, having laid about 10,000 tiles. His large barn covers a foundation 24x48 feet, and he has an excellent

residence of six rooms and basement, set in the midst of a beautiful lawn.

Mr. Shoop is the eldest of the three children of the late George Shoop and wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Driver. George Shoop was born and reared in Vermilion Township, followed farming there, and died when only twenty-two years of age. His wife, Sarah Driver Shoop, was born in the State of Delaware, but came to Ohio when a young girl, and is now living with her son, Sherman Shoop, in Vermilion Township. She is now nearly eighty-four years of age.

Mr. Alvin Shoop was married at Joppa Corners to Miss Ellie Lee. She was born in the same township and has spent her life within a brief radius from her birthplace. Her parents are Thomas and Olive (Minkler) Lee, the former a native of Maryland and the latter born and reared on the farm now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Shoop. Mr. and Mrs. Lee after their marriage were prosperous farmers of Erie County until they retired, and they now live at Berlin Heights, being past seventy years of age. Mr. Lee is a republican in politics.

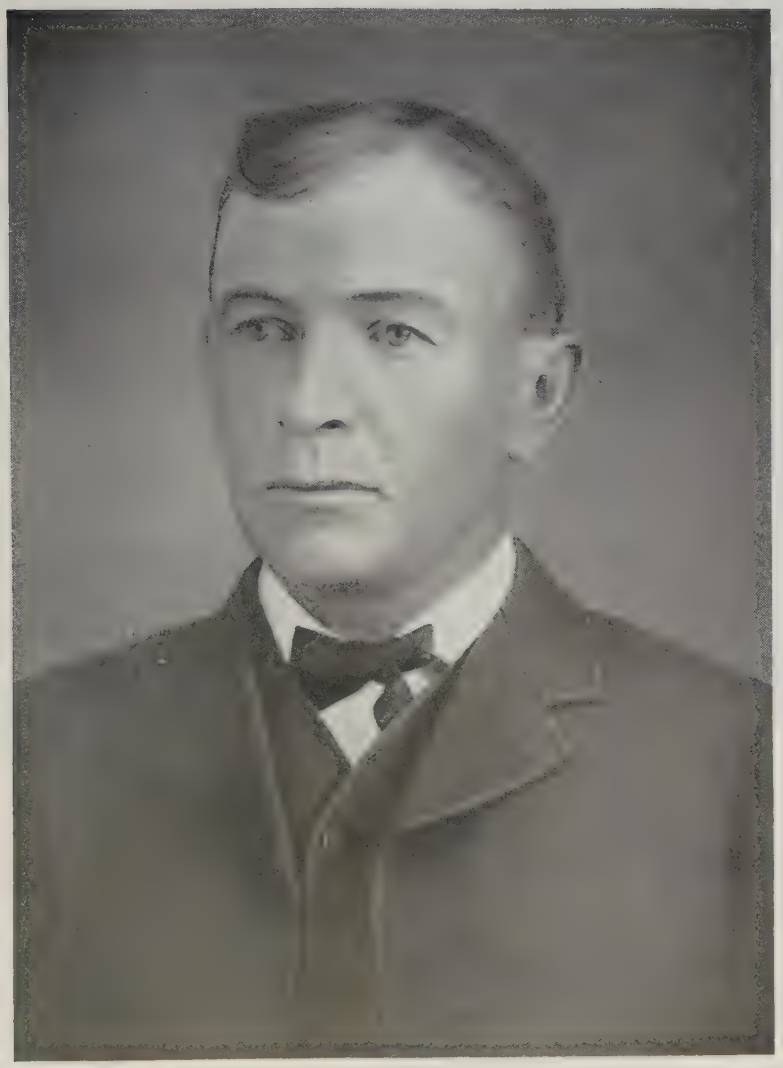
There are four children in the family circle of Mr. and Mrs. Shoop. Elmer, who is a farmer and fruit grower at Ogontz, married Lottie Hill, and they are the parents of two sons and three daughters. Hattie is the wife of Michael Quinlan, formerly of Cleveland but now living at Elyria, Ohio. Lawson was reared and educated in the Joppa neighborhood, attended the district schools there, and the older children also received their education from the same schools. He is now living at home. The youngest child is Lucile, aged sixteen, and she recently completed the public school course. Mr. and Mrs. Shoop attend church at Joppa, and in politics he is a democrat.

John H. McAleer. The field in which Mr. McAleer has gained substantial position in business affairs is that of contracting for plastering and stucco work. That has been his business for thirty-five years at Sandusky, and he has made a success that is by no means local. He has taken contracts and successfully performed them all over Erie County and other sections of Northern Ohio. He is one of Sandusky's solid and upright business men.

He was born in Erie County, February 6, 1853, a son of Patrick and Mary E. (Brennan) McAleer. His father, a native of Ireland, came to America in 1844 and located in Sandusky when that city was little more than a village. He too was a plasterer and worked at his trade all his life until his death in 1901.

John H. McAleer, who is the second in a family of three children, received his early education in the parochial schools of St. Paul and St. Peter's Church at Sandusky, and at the age of seventeen gained his first practical experience in the world as a sailor on the Great Lakes. For two years he was identified with several lake boats, and then returned home and began working for his father in the plastering trade. In 1874 he entered the employ of E. D. Lindsey, a plasterer contractor, and while thus employed he assisted in plastering the Erie County courthouse. Under the employment of Mr. Lindsey he was sent to Mansfield, Ohio, and continued in his service until the fall of 1879. Coming back to Sandusky, in 1880, Mr. McAleer engaged in business for himself as a contractor in plastering and stucco work. That has been his line for thirty-five years, and to it he has given all his energy and capability, and his work has stood the test of time and service.

Mr. McAleer resides in a very attractive home on Central Avenue. He is a member of the Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters, and has been a liberal contributor not only



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to his own church but to all worthy enterprises and philanthropies in the city and county. He has served as a member of the board of public service in Sandusky, for five years was a member of the Sandusky Park Board, and has taken an active part in the democratic party.

On June 4, 1883, in Erie County, he married Miss Jennie Moody, a daughter of Charles and Martha Moody, of Vermilion, Ohio. Mrs. McAleer died January 28, 1915, leaving no children. But they raised a child from the age of about five years, Chester Wood, who adopted the name of McAleer on his own account. He makes his home with Mr. McAleer.

CHARLES F. MISCHLER. Of the industries which have contributed to the importance and prestige of the City of Sandusky, one which has a leading place is that connected with its fisheries. In fact, this city is one of the chief fresh water fish markets of the world, and it is not surprising therefore to find among its leading men those who have entered into this line of endeavor. Among these men is found Charles F. Mischler, who has been engaged as a fish dealer for many years and who is now at the head of an important enterprise that has been built up under his personal supervision.

Mr. Mischler was born July 15, 1870, at Ripley, Brown County, Ohio, and is a son of August and Isabella (Sterner) Mischler. His father, a native of Germany, was still a youth when he emigrated to the United States, coming with a brother, Wendell W., with whom he subsequently embarked in the brewing business at Ripley. With native thrift and industry he was able to build up an enterprise that was a factor of importance in the business life of Ripley during its day, and with which Mr. Mischler continued to be connected until his death in 1882. He was a good and substantial citizen, reared a family of five children in comfortable circumstances and gave them good educational advantages, and won the respect and esteem of his fellowmen by a life of integrity and honorable dealing.

Charles F. Mischler was the second of his parents' children and received an ordinary education in the public schools of Ripley. He was only ten years of age when he began to display his enterprise and ambition, securing employment in a sawmill at Ripley, and subsequently worked in a minor capacity in a foundry at that place for 2½ years. When he was fifteen years old he went to Cincinnati, where he obtained a position in the well known wholesale grocery house of G. H. Muchkenk & Son, but finally turned his attention to the fish business, becoming associated with Capt. Stephen Rice as a wholesaler and retailer, with a store on Sixth Street, Sandusky. Mr. Mischler continued to be so connected until the year 1898, when the business was sold and the partnership dissolved, he then accepting an offer from A. Booth & Company, the well known fish house. This concern, of which Mr. Mischler was purchasing agent, failed in 1908, but in the following year was reorganized as the Booth Fisheries Company, with headquarters at Chicago, and Mr. Mischler continued as purchasing agent for Lake Erie. In this position he was remarkably successful, but was always desirous of re-entering business as the proprietor of a business of his own. He resigned his position and embarked in an enterprise under the name of C. F. Mischler, an enterprise which has grown to large proportions under his careful and energetic management. He is connected with various other enterprises of a business character and is president of the Lake Erie Dry Dock Company.

Mr. Mischler has always taken a keen interest in anything affecting the welfare of the city of his adoption and has been a leader in civic affairs. For several years a member of the city council of Sandusky,

he was acting in the capacity of president of that body at the time the present city charter was adopted. In 1913 he was made the republican candidate for the office of mayor of Sandusky, but after one of the closest political fights in the history of the city met with defeat by the narrow margin of six votes. Mr. Mischler is an active and working member of the Federated Commercial Club and of the United Commercial Travelers, and fraternally holds membership in the Fraternal Order of Eagles and has attained the thirty-second degree in Masonry.

Maj. Clinton B. Wilcox. For more than half a century the name Wilcox has had a significance and distinction in Sandusky's business affairs. Clinton B. Wilcox is president of one of the large mercantile houses in the upbuilding of which his father and also his uncle before him were prominent factors; and furthermore, has for many years been identified with the gas and electric industries and with many local affairs, both business, social and political.

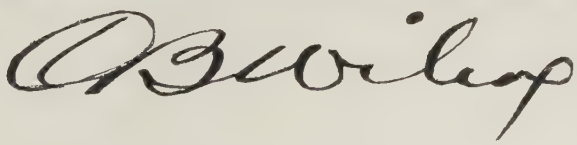
Born at Sandusky April 11, 1866, Clinton B. Wilcox is a son of Edward Harmon and Sophia (Sprague) Wilcox. His father, who was also born in Ohio and died in 1886, spent most of his life in mercantile affairs in Sandusky. On coming to that city in 1847 he found employment as clerk in the firm of L. S. & S. E. Hubbard. His fidelity and industry brought him a position as partner in the firm, which was first known as Hubbard & Wilcox and later as Marsh & Wilcox. Edward H. Wilcox and his brother subsequently engaged in business under the firm name of E. H. & R. M. Wilcox. On the death of Edward H. Wilcox in 1886 his son C. B. Wilcox entered the firm, which then took the title of R. M. & C. B. Wilcox. At the death of R. M. Wilcox his son, M. S. Wilcox, took his place. In 1902 the company was incorporated as the R. M. & C. B. Wilcox Company, and its present officials are: Maj. C. B. Wilcox, president; W. F. Koegle, vice president; and Merritt S. Wilcox, secretary and treasurer.

Maj. Clinton B. Wilcox is the only one surviving of a family of four children. He had a liberal education and ample advantages for learning the business in all its details. He attended the Western Reserve University and the Ohio Wesleyan University, and was about twenty years of age when his father died. He then assumed the junior partnership in that firm.

Since 1899 Major Wilcox has been engaged in the gas and electric business, at which time he was elected vice president of the Sandusky Gas & Electric Company. In May, 1913, this company was sold to the W. S. Barstow & Company, Incorporated, of New York, and at that time Major Wilcox was elected chairman of the board of directors. This industry has a notable history and combines some old and familiar organizations.

In addition Major Wilcox has been identified with a number of other business industries in Sandusky, and his ability as an organizer and conductor of important affairs is too well known to need elaboration. He was vice president of the Moss National Bank, and at one time director of the Commercial National Bank. He was one of the original directors and organizers in the Sandusky, Milan & Norwalk Electric Railroad, one of the first electric railroads operated in the United States; also treasurer for several years of the Erie County Agricultural Society and at one time president of Providence Hospital; president of the Sandusky Board of Trade in 1909, and at one time a member of the board of health. He served a number of years on the board of education, and Governor Myron T. Herrick appointed him a trustee of the Toledo State Hospital, succeeding the late Governor Charles Foster.

In 1885 he enlisted in Company B, Sixteenth Regiment, Ohio National



Guard, and was afterwards corporal and sergeant, captain of Company B, Sixth Regiment, O. N. G.; in 1901 became major First Brigade, Ohio National Guard; in 1902 on the staff of Gen. Mc. W. V. McMaken.

He has also been active in various fraternal, social and civic bodies. He is a member of all the Masonic bodies, including Science Lodge No. 50, F. & A. M.; Sandusky City Chapter No. 72, R. A. M.; Sandusky City Council No. 26, R. & S. M.; Erie Commandery No. 23, K. T.; and all the Scottish Rite bodies, including the thirty-second degree, and has presided over all the bodies except the Sandusky City Chapter, R. A. M. He was president of the Scottish Rite class of 1909; member of the Masonic Veterans' Association; 1911-12, officer of Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., at Ohio; is director, and in 1911 president, of the board of directors of the Masonic Temple Association. Major Wilcox is president of the Sunyendeand Club, and is a member of the board of directors of the Federated Commercial Club. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is senior warden of the Calvary Episcopal Church, and member of the board of missions of the Episcopal Church for the Diocese of Ohio.

In politics a republican, he is a member of the State Republican Central Committee, and at the inauguration of Roosevelt and Fairbanks for president and vice president of the United States was appointed to serve as adjutant general of Third Brigade, First Division, of the City Grand Division, Washington, D. C. He was a member of the Finance Committee for Ohio of the National Republican Committee in 1912. He was also offered the nomination for Congress from this district, but declined the honor. While this is a very brief outline of his various activities and relationships, it is sufficient to suggest the fact that Major Wilcox is one of Northern Ohio's most influential citizens.

On September 28, 1887, Major Wilcox married Miss Mary B. Fuller of Norwalk, Ohio. Her father was Steven M. Fuller. Mrs. Wilcox died October 31, 1909, after they had been happily married for more than twenty-two years. She is survived by one daughter, Helen W., wife of Russell K. Ramsey.

Ernest Milliman. To see intensive farming at its best, particularly fruit and vegetable farming, it is only necessary to visit the fine homestead of Ernest Milliman in Milan Township, located near Petersburg Corners. While Mr. Milliman pays attention to some of the general branches of farming, his specialty is fruits and vegetable growing. He has 6,000 fine trees on his farm, including 3,500 peach trees, six acres of apple trees, two acres of pears, and 1½ acres of cherry trees. He also has large quantities of smaller fruits, and raises a splendid vegetable crop, including some of the best watermelon, musk melons and cantaloupes found anywhere in Northern Ohio. Perhaps his most profitable crop is sweet corn for seed. Each year he puts in about twelve acres in selected sweet corn, tested by experience and use, and sells the seed so as to net him about $50 for each acre in the crop. The Milliman homestead comprises seventy-five acres of fine land in Milan Township, and its improvements include a substantial nine-room house, painted white, and other good farm buildings, barns, sheds for tools and for drying seed corn and other facilities.

This farm has been Mr. Milliman's home and has been owned by him since 1897. He is a native son of Milan Township and was born at the old Milliman Farm on the Cleveland and Elyria Road in February, 1875. In that environment he grew to manhood, gained his education in the public schools of Milan Village, and partly, by early training, but more through extensive experience and hard work, has developed into one of the most capable fruit-growing and general farmers in Erie

County. Ernest Milliman is a son of John and Maria (Hoak) Milliman, a fine old Erie County family.

In his home township Ernest Milliman married Miss Burtis Curtiss. She was born at Collins, Huron County, Ohio, August 7, 1879, and was well educated in the public schools, having the valuable instruction afforded by that venerable educator, Job Fish, and prior to her marriage she herself taught school. Her parents were John Perry and Phoebe (Peasley) Curtiss. Her father was born in Ohio and her mother in Pennsylvania, and they were married in Huron County, and a few years later moved to Milan Township, locating on a farm. On that farm the mother died in the prime of life, and when Mrs. Milliman was quite young. Mr. Curtiss later moved to Willoughby, Ohio, married a second wife, and is still living there, about seventy years of age. He is a democrat in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Milliman have two promising young sons: Russell, born June 27, 1905, and attending the fifth grade of the public schools, and Donald, born September 5, 1907. Both Mr. Milliman and his wife are active members of Milan Grange No. 342 of the Patrons of Husbandry, and also belongs to the County and State Grange organizations. In all political matters he is strictly independent, and votes only for candidates and policies which his judgment approves.

Henry Akers. This worthy citizen of Vermilion Township, whose home is on Rural Route No. 2 out of Vermilion Village, is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Erie County, and is well entitled to a place in the annals of a county whose development from a wild primitive state to its present condition he has witnessed, being himself a material factor in the grand result.

While most of his life has been spent within the borders of Erie County, Henry Akers was born in West Prussia, February 6, 1852, a son of George and Eva (Riever) Akers, who were natives of the same province and of old German stock. Both their children were born in Prussia. The daughter was Elizabeth, who died in Vermilion Village after the birth of her only child, Alden Gerlaw.

It was in 1856 that this little family set out from the shores of Germany to come to America. They spent ten weeks of rough sailing and landed in the latter part of the month of October. From New York they came on to Ohio and soon after found a wild tract of land in Vermilion Township. Their first home was a log cabin in the midst of the heavy woods. Both George Akers and his wife were industrious and thrifty people of the typical German stock, and by their united efforts they finally produced a farm of forty acres with many of the improvements and home comforts. George Akers died at that home at the age of eighty-six and his wife lived to be eighty-five. They were members of the German Reformed Church and in politics he was a democrat.

The only one of the children now living, Henry Akers grew up from the age of four years in Erie County. His earliest recollections are of a country vastly different from that which now greets his eye. From the local schools he gained a sufficient education for his needs, and since early youth has been pursuing an industrious and honorable course through the world. He has proved very energetic in the handling of farms, and in the course of his active career he brought under cultivation and improvement three different places. His present home is on a farm of 52½ acres, all of it under cultivation, and improved with a good house and barn.

In Vermilion Township on September 8, 1872, Mr. Akers married Miss Amanda Rackley. She was born in Doylestown, Ohio, September 28, 1852, but she received most of her education in the schools near

F. W. Wakefield.

Birmingham in Erie County. Her parents, John and Rachel (Greenough) Rackley were Pennsylvania people. Her father died in Doylestown, Ohio, and her mother in Birmingham, Ohio. Her mother was very active in the Presbyterian Church. Her father was quite well educated for his time, and served as a justice of the peace and in other local offices while living in Doylestown. In politics he was a democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Akers are members of the German Reformed Church, he is likewise a democrat, and for fourteen years helped to maintain the local schools at a high standard of efficiency in the office of school director. He stands high in the estimation of his fellow citizens, and he has helped to make Erie County what it is today. He and his wife are the parents of one son, Arthur.

Frederick W. Wakefield. The closing months of the year 1915 find Mr. Wakefield serving his second consecutive term as mayor of the vigorous and attractive little City of Vermilion, Erie County, and his administration has been marked by the same liberality and progressiveness that have made him one of the most prominent and influential business men of this part of the county. At Vermilion he is the executive head of the F. W. Wakefield Brass Company, manufacturers of lighting fixtures and other general lines of brass products, and the company represents one of the important industrial enterprises of Erie County, its inception and development being primarily due to the well ordered efforts of him whose name initiates this paragraph. The well equipped and essentially modern plant of the company gives employment to about fifty persons, including a number of specially skilled artisans, and the enterprise has been a valuable addition to the business interests of Vermilion.

Mr. Wakefield was born in the City of Birmingham, England, on the 26th of April, 1863, and is a son of William and Sarah (Wright) Wakefield, both of whom were likewise natives of Birmingham, in which important manufacturing city of England they continued their residence until 1875, when they came with their children to the United States and established a home in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, the parents having passed the remainder of their lives in the Buckeye State.

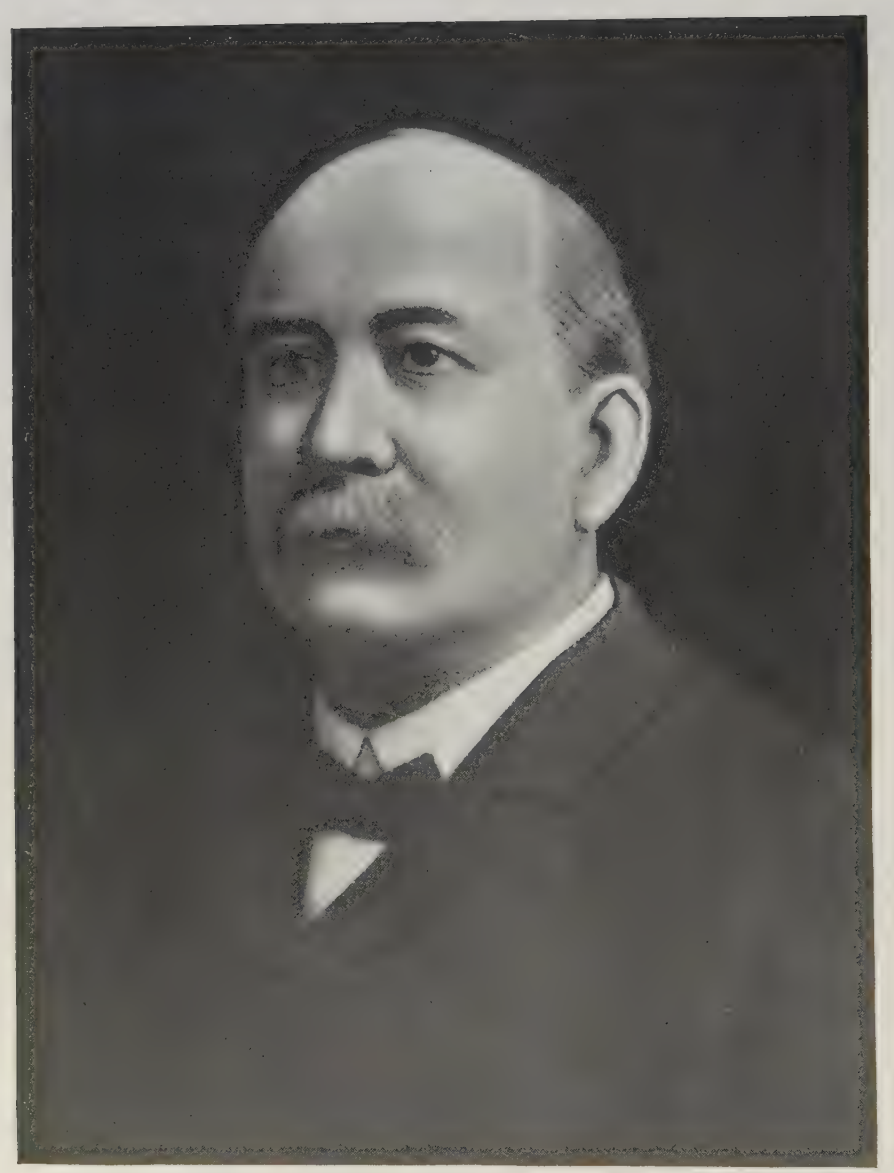
Frederick W. Wakefield acquired his early educational discipline in the schools of his native city and was about twelve years old at the time of the family immigration to the United States. In the City of Cleveland he continued his studies in the public schools for some time and finally he became associated with his uncle, William Wilkshire, who was the pioneer manufacturer of gas fixtures in the metropolis of Ohio. Mr. Wakefield entered the employ of this uncle in the year 1882, and continued his services about five years, within which he acquired a practical knowledge of all mechanical details of the business and also gained valuable knowledge concerning commercial and general business methods. Later he was employed for some time in the Cleveland establishment of C. A. Selzer, an importer of and dealer in lighting fixtures, brass goods, bric-a-brac, etc. He remained thus engaged about eight years, and thereafter established himself independently in a similar line of business in Cleveland. There he continued his operations from 1895 until 1905, devoting his attention primarily to the manufacturing of lighting fixtures and a general line of brass goods. In the year last mentioned Mr. Wakefield transferred his residence and business headquarters to Vermilion, Erie County, where he has successfully developed his manufacturing enterprise to substantial proportions and where he has become an honored and valued addition to the contingent of influential business men of Erie County, as well as a prominent and public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Wakefield is found arrayed as a stanch and well fortified advocate of the principles and policies for which the republican party has always stood sponsor in a general sense, and in November, 1911, he was elected mayor of Vermilion, his induction into office having occurred on the 1st of the following January. His broad-minded and progressive administration met with popular approval, and at the expiration of his first term he was re-elected, so that he still remains as the efficient and valued executive head of the municipal government of Vermilion. In his home city he is affiliated with Ely Lodge No. 424, Free and Accepted Masons, and he retains membership in the Chamber of Commerce in the City of Cleveland. He is resourceful and resolute in the activities of business and has the elements of character that not only beget objective confidence and esteem, but also make for popularity in both business and social circles. The beautiful family home provided by Mayor Wakefield at Vermilion is a large and modern residence on the shores of Lake Erie, and the same is a center of much of the representative social activities of the community, with Mrs. Wakefield as its gracious and popular chatelaine.

On the 14th of February, 1895, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Wakefield to Miss Mary Poley, who was born in the City of Brooklyn, New York, a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Sceats) Poley, who were natives of the City of London, England, whence they came to the United States in 1872, their home having been established in Brooklyn, New York, for a number of years and the death of Mrs. Poley having there occurred. Mrs. Wakefield later accompanied her father to Cleveland, Ohio, and there her marriage was solemnized. Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield have nine children, namely: Clara M., Albert F., Alice M., William R., Ruth M., Frederick W., Jr., George P., Theodore D., and Ernest H. Clara M. is now the wife of Albert C. Hofrichter, of Vermilion, concerning whom individual mention is made on other pages of this publication. Albert F. Wakefield, the eldest of the sons, is a member of the class of 1917 in the great University of Michigan, in the City of Ann Arbor.

Charles L. Kuehlmann. A resident of Vermilion Township since 1877, Mr. Kuehlmann has here shown his strength in the mastering of expedients and the taking advantage of opportunities presented, for from a small tract of land which he first obtained and which was largely given over to the native timber, he has reclaimed and improved a fine landed estate of more than 350 acres. As a young man, and within a decade after his immigration from his German Fatherland, he established his home in Erie County, and that he has made the intervening years prolific in personal achievement needs no further voucher than his present status as one of the substantial agriculturists and general farmers of the county and as a citizen whose prominence and influence have further basis in the sterling characteristics that have gained to him unqualified popular esteem. He is one of the leading farmers of Vermilion Township and is serving with characteristic fidelity and circumspection as president of the board of education of that township, a position of which he has been the valued incumbent for several years.

In the Prussian Province of Posen, Germany, Mr. Kuehlmann was born on the 25th of June, 1850, his parents, John and Wilhelmina (Radke) Kuehlmann, having been born and reared in that section of Germany. In his native province Mr. Kuehlmann was reared to adult age and there he received the advantages of the national school. At the age of eighteen years, in 1868, he severed the home ties and set forth to seek his fortunes in America. Soon after landing in the country of his adoption young Kuehlmann made his way to Ohio and established his residence at Berea, Cuyahoga County, where he continued



R. M. Lockwood

his activities about a decade. He then, in the spring of 1877, came to Erie County and purchased fifty acres of partially cleared land in Vermilion Township, this tract constituting an integral part of his present fine homestead place of 203 acres, the additional land having been purchased from time to time, in consonance with expenditures justified by his increasing success and financial prosperity. He first settled virtually in the forest wilds, and then set himself vigorously to the task of reclaiming his land to cultivation. It may well be understood that under such conditions prosperity is not easily won and that sybaritic tendencies have to be foregone entirely. Energy, determination and self-reliance bring results and thus it is through his own efforts that Mr. Kuehlmann has developed not only his present fine homestead of 203 acres but has become the owner also of another well improved farm, of 151½ acres, likewise eligibly situated in Vermilion Township. He gives a most punctilious supervision to all details of his farm operations and is one of the progressive and substantial agriculturists and stock-growers of a county to which he came as a young man with but nominal financial resources. His parents came to the United States in 1869 and resided at Berea, Ohio, until 1877, when they likewise came to Vermilion Township, Erie County, where they passed the closing years of their long and useful lives.

Mr. Kuehlmann is found aligned in a general way as a supporter of the principles and policies for which the republican party stands sponsor, and in community affairs he has shown the utmost liberality and public spirit. He has had no ambition for public office but his civic loyalty and his desire to further the educational interests of his township have been shown through his efficient service as a member and president of the township board of education. He is a director of the Vermilion Telephone Company and he and his wife hold membership in the German Methodist Episcopal Church in the Village of Vermilion.

At Berea, this state, on the 17th of April, 1872, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Kuehlmann to Miss Augusta Seidler, who likewise is a native of the Province of Posen, Prussia, where her parents passed their entire lives, her father, Jacob Seidler, having there been a prosperous farmer. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Kuehlmann are: Frederick C., Rudolph, Minnie L., Otto H., Reinhard E. and John W. The only daughter is now the wife of Capt. Charles Gagenheimer, and they reside in the Village of Vermilion.

Ralph M. Lockwood. In the death of Ralph M. Lockwood on June 22, 1906, there was removed from Erie County one of the most upright, energetic and lovable of the local merchants and business men. He represented that fine New England stock which after being transplanted to Northern Ohio flowered and gave to Erie County some of its most notable men and women. Mr. Lockwood himself is remembered as a man of even and gentle disposition, singularly alert in business matters, and public spirited in his attitude toward citizenship and toward the larger social life of his community.

He was born at Milan, Ohio, July 21, 1851, and was not yet fifty-five years of age when he died. He was the second of eight children born to Stephen and Sarah (Lockwood) Lockwood, and was a grandson of Ralph Lockwood, who with his two brothers, George and Henry, became identified with the very earliest settlement of Erie County. The Lockwood family before coming west lived in and around Norwalk, Connecticut. The name of various members of this family is frequently referred to in the course of the individual sketches that appear in this publication.

The early education of Ralph M. Lockwood came from the common schools. He was still very young when he acquired his first experience as a merchant, and it was as a merchant that he rendered his best service to the community. He was a man of strict honesty, and his own reputation stood behind all the merchandise which passed over his counters. For many years he was senior member of the firm of Lockwood & Smith, which mercantile establishment was known throughout Erie and Huron counties.

On June 17, 1874, Mr. Lockwood married Emma Montgomery, a daughter of Usher and Sarah Montgomery. To their marriage were born two children, one of whom died in infancy. Verna is now the wife of Judge Roy H. Williams, judge of the Court of Common Pleas at Sandusky.

Fraternally Mr. Lockwood was a Mason, being affiliated with the lodge at Milan. His own life was in keeping with the principles of that craft, and it is the nature of the highest praise to say that he was a devoted husband and father, a loyal friend, and instant in charity to the poor and needy.

Charles Kuhl. Probably no family had harder and more romantic experiences in getting started in the world than the Kuhls, now represented by Charles Kuhl of Vermilion Township. Mr. Kuhl himself has inherited all the industry and enterprise of his honored father, though his career has been one of comparative ease compared to the difficulties which his father met and encountered during his early experiences in Northern Ohio. Mr. Charles Kuhl has a fine farm and rural home on rural route No. 2 out of Vermilion Township. He was born in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County, January 11, 1861.

His parents were Henry J. and Catherine (Cook) Kuhl, the former a native of Hessen and the latter of Mecklenburg, Germany. Henry J. Kuhl was born April 10, 1815, and his wife was born four or five years later. It was in 1837 that Henry J. Kuhl came to the United States on a sailing vessel, spending seven weeks in the voyage, his ship encountering very rough seas. At one time it was blown back on its course and delayed fourteen days. The Hanover was a good ship however, and finally landed its passengers at Baltimore, Maryland. Henry J. Kuhl came in company with some comrades from the same section of Germany, and on landing he was completely without resources and had no friends to depend upon. He started out with a pocketful of hardtack, and in the course of his wanderings experienced hunger and many hardships. He finally reached Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and was given some work that paid him four dollars a month. His father had died back in Germany and some time previously his mother and the other sons and daughters had come to America and had located in Huron, Ohio. They expected the arrival of Henry J., and advertised in various papers for him. He first heard of this advertisement and knew the location of his people while he was in Pittsburg. He wrote his mother, and she sent her son, Wolf Kuhl, to Pittsburg. Wolf walked all the way, found his brother, and they at once started back on foot and soon the family were reunited in Erie County. Later the sons, Henry, Wolf, John and Peter, went to Toledo to get work on the Maumee Canal. While there the mother and two daughters who had remained behind at Huron died from malaria fever. These were only a few of the hardships encountered by the Kuhl family during their early years in America. The sons finally got a start, and individually they prospered in varying degrees.

Henry J. Kuhl finally located on a farm in Brownhelm Township of Lorain County, bought a few acres, and having already proved himself

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honest and trustworthy he got sufficient credit to enable him to work his farm properly and establish a home. Then in 1863 he left Lorain County and moved to Vermilion Township. Here he bought 112 acres and went in debt $3,000 for it. He and his wife were people of that type of character who are not afraid to assume responsibilities, and by hard work, much self denial, they finally paid off the debt and then went ahead increasing their possessions until eventually over 400 acres of land were owned by Henry J. Kuhl, and at the time of his death he was worth over $50,000. It was all honestly won, and for what he made of his opportunities and resources there are few other men in Erie County who were more successful. He died on his Vermilion Township farm on May 5, 1886, and his wife passed away six years later, being at that time a year older than her husband when he died. They were members of the Reformed Church, active in local affairs, and in politics he was first a democrat and afterwards an ardent republican. His fellow citizens bestowed upon him several local offices, and in every way he was worthy of trust.

Henry J. Kuhl and wife had seven children: Henry J., Jr., died after his marriage and left two daughters, Anna and Lena. Eliza married John Alheit, and both are now deceased, leaving two sons and three daughters, the daughters being all married. John, now deceased, was twice married and he had six children by his first wife and one daughter by the second. Peter married Eliza Will, and both are now deceased and left one living child. George was scalded to death in hot lye when five years of age. Margaret died in infancy.

Mr. Charles Kuhl was married in 1888 in Lorain County to Miss Mary Loeffler. She was born in Champaign County, Illinois, November 6, 1865, and was reared partly there and partly in Lorain County. Her father, George B. Loeffler, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and is now living in Ogden, Illinois, at the age of eighty-six. Mrs. Kuhl's mother died when the daughter was eleven months of age, and her father married a second time.

Mr. Kuhl is now the owner of a fine estate of 155 acres. It is all well improved and thoroughly cultivated, and his crops comprise the different cereals, potatoes, some fruit, and he gets most of his revenues directly through the live stock that he sells off his farm. His improvements are of an unusually substantial nature. He has a large bank barn with a basement under all, and a comfortable nine-room house.

Of the children Albert K. was born on this farm and has lived here since infancy, received an education in the local schools, and is now an active assistant to his father. Martha K. graduated from high school, is a teacher, and lives at home. Ruth is the wife of Ralph Risdon, a farmer of Vermilion Township, and they have a son Glenn. Clarence died when seventeen months of age. Bertha is attending school and Ethel May died in March, 1915, at the age of eight years. The family are members of the Reformed Church, and in politics Mr. Kuhl is a republican, his son being of the same political faith. For a number of years he has taken special interest in the welfare of the local schools, has been a member of the school board, and has also served as township trustee.

C. V. Baumgardner. The C. V. Baumgardner Piano Company of Sandusky has some special characteristics and distinctions as a music house specially organized and maintained to handle the best instruments manufactured in the country. The business was incorporated in December, 1913, and is capitalized at $25,000. At the head of the company is C. V. Baumgardner, who for years has made a special study of pianos. He is an authority on tone qualities, durability and all other features

of piano construction and use. His expert skill has been converted into a reliable service to the large retail trade centered at Sandusky, since his advice and counsel practically insure the individual purchaser of the best values in pianos for the money. In fact, the company is owned and controlled by Sandusky business men of the highest character, and every piano sold carries with it a lifetime guarantee.

This business was first started in Sandusky a number of years ago by C. V. Baumgardner, who carried on the business successfully until merged into the present Corporation in December, 1913, with the following officers: J. F. Starkey, president; John A. Geideman, vice president and treasurer; C. B. DeWitt, secretary; F. H. Meese, director; C. V. Baumgardner, director. The officers also holding on the board of direction. John McKelvey, E. H. Savord and H. W. Parsons were among the incorporators. The present officers of the company since then are: C. V. Baumgardner, president; John A. Geideman, vice president; F. E. Swain, secretary. Mr. Swain is probably one of the best known piano men in Northern Ohio and was for some years with John F. Renner, piano dealer of Sandusky, and is very talented and stands high in musical circles, and John A. Millott, treasurer.

The extensive warerooms of the company are located at 426 Huron Avenue. Through the judgment and experience of Mr. Baumgardner, the executive head of this company, the business is a flourishing one, and has well deserved unqualified success on account of the basic principles upon which it is established, that is, to afford a reliable medium for purchasers of the standard makes of instruments. The pianos and piano players handled by the company include such standard makes as the A. B. Chase, Smith & Nixon, Hobart M. Cable, Francis Bacon, Knabe Bros. and the Baumgardner pianos, and have also the sole agency for the celebrated Starr line of pianos.

Mr. Baumgardner married Miss Evelyn Ida Hoffman, of Manistee, Michigan, and they have the following children: Dorothy May, Margorie Fay and Alice Elaine.

Mr. Baumgardner is a member of Sandusky Lodge No. 285, B. P. O. E., and is independent in politics.

Joseph S. King. Erie County lost one of its oldest and most esteemed citizens in the death of Joseph S. King at his home in Berlin Township, January 20, 1910. All the older citizens of that section of Erie County will recall the influence and activities of this sterling old citizen. The home at which he died in Ogontz Corners is still the home of Mrs. King, who is also of the older American stock in Erie County.

The late Joseph S. King was born in Florence Township in 1837. His father was Chester King, a native of Connecticut, where he married, and in the early days came to Ohio, locating on 130 acres of almost wild land in Florence Township. A portion of this original farm has never passed out of the family possession and is now owned by Frank O. King, son of Joseph S. Chester King and his wife spent their many years of useful toil and good citizenship on that old farm. They left a family of six children, all of whom are now deceased.

It was on that old homestead, with its many associations for members of the King family, that Joseph S. King spent most of his lifetime. Only a few years before his death he moved to Berlin Heights, and lived retired. He was a very successful farmer, and a man of leadership in his community. He was a republican in politics.

After he resigned the heavier cares and responsibilities of farming he moved to the home in Berlin Township on which he spent his last days and where Mrs. King now lives. This home comprises ten acres of good land, with a large and well built house of eight rooms, and an

almost new barn. Mrs. King also owns forty acres of the old homestead in Florence Township. The Florence Township farm was in many ways a direct result of the enterprise of the late Joseph S. King, who had improved many of its acres from the wilderness condition in which he first found it.

Mr. King arrived as trustee of Florence Township, and was once a candidate for county commissioner, but was defeated with the rest of his party ticket. He was a Knight Templar Mason, active in Masonic affairs, and enjoyed the confidence of his fellow members in this fraternity and his friends and associates in all the relations of a long life.

Joseph S. King married for his first wife Malone Masters, who was born in New York State and was seven years of age when she came to Erie County. She died on the old homestead in 1890 at the age of sixty-two. Her three children were: Charles, who died in 1866 at the age of thirteen; Mrs. Ella A. Andress, and Frank O.

The present Mrs. King before her marriage was Mary A. Meyer. She was born in Vermilion Township, March 17, 1868, was reared in that community, and received an excellent education in the public schools. Mrs. King was one of a family of nine children born to John P. and Anna C. (Morris) Meyer. Her father was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1822, served five years in the German army and when still a young man came to the United States. After reaching Erie County his first work was on a farm in Vermilion Township, and he followed various other lines of employment up to 1872, in which year he moved to the Barton Ridge Road and bought eighty acres of land. He was a prosperous and progressive farmer, and spent his last years in the comforts which his industry had earned for him. His death occurred January 28, 1911, in his eighty-ninth year. His wife, who was born in 1831, in Germany, died May 15, 1910, and she had come when a child with her mother and brothers to Erie County. Besides Mrs. King the other members of the Meyer family now living are George, Nicholas, Anna and Elizabeth.

Mrs. King has one daughter, Margaret L., who was born January 1, 1899, and has finished the grade schools and is a member of the high school class of 1916 at Berlin Heights. She and her mother are members of the Berlin Heights Congregational Church.

S. O. Richardson, III, is one of the very energetic younger business men of Sandusky, where he is local manager for the Libbey Glass Company. The Sandusky plant of this world-wide known corporation was established in 1905, and for several years young Mr. Richardson has been its manager. It is one of the large and important industries in the city and has an average of 130 employes on the payroll.

The Libbey Glass Company was originally an English concern, and its organization dates back to 1815, fully a century ago. The name Libbey is one of the oldest trade-marks synonymous with high standard of products in glass making in the world. S. O. Richardson, III, was born December 18, 1887, and is a son of S. O. Richardson, Jr., and Jennie B. (Barrett) Richardson. His father lives in Toledo and is vice president of the Libbey Glass Company.

The son was educated in St. Paul College at Concord, New Hampshire, and graduated from Harvard University with the class of 1911 and the degree A. B. Since leaving school he has been connected with the Libbey Glass Company and the Westlake Automatic Machine Company. While the name Libbey has signified the highest standard of excellence in cut glass, an important branch of the industry, particularly at Sandusky, has been the manufacture of bulbs for incandescent electric lights. This is the first plant in the United States of its kind run by

automatic machinery. The Sandusky factory contains eight automatic machines, and it is said there is no better equipped glass factory for the making of the finest grades of glassware anywhere in the country.

Mr. Richardson is a member of the Sunyendeand Club at Sandusky, the Sandusky Ad Club and the Federated Commercial Club. On February 3, 1914, at Toledo, he married Miss Gertrude Lewis, a daughter of C. T. Lewis of Toledo. They have one daughter, Patricia Lewis Richardson.

Alfred Schnurr. A contractor and builder at Sandusky, whose record of practical accomplishment can be read in many substantial structures of brick and stone and wood, is Alfred Schnurr.

It would hardly be possible to enumerate all the buildings which he has constructed since entering the business of contracting, but some of the more important during the past twelve years, constructed either by himself individually or in partnership with others, are the following: Mitten Factory on Market Street; One Minute Washer Company Building on Market Street; Sandusky Auto Parts Building on First Street; Suspension Roller Bearing Factory on First Street; the high school building at Vermilion; the high school building at Berlin Heights; the Nurses Home of Providence Hospital; the new central fire station in Sandusky; the Griffin Plant at Chicago Junction; the Star Theater Building, Beilstein Laundry, the Musschel Flats, the Caswell Garage, Sandusky; the Hotel Hillcrest, Middle Bass Island; and the Oelschlager store at Put-in-Bay.

This young contractor whose work shows that he is one of the leaders in his profession, was born in Freiburg, Germany, May 17, 1878. His parents were Frank and Amelia (Mutterer) Schnurr. His father came to America in search of a home, and some months later his wife and children followed. Frank Schnurr is still living at Sandusky, and one of the honored old residents. He was a carpenter by trade, and followed that occupation after coming to America, and is still in the ranks of the active men of his trade in Sandusky.

Alfred Schnurr was the youngest in a family of five sons. He received his education in the parochial schools and in the International Correspondence School at Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he took several technical courses in order to better prepare himself for his important work as general contractor. Quite early in life he began learning the carpenter's trade under his father, and worked for him as a regular journeyman for a year. He was then with George Feick & Company, building contractors, for eight years.

In 1903 Mr. Schnurr formed a partnership with Anton Shaeffer under the firm name of Shaeffer & Schnurr. Their business as contractors continued until 1906, at which time Mr. Schnurr engaged in business for himself, and has since continued as a building contractor.

In politics Mr. Schnurr is an independent voter, and is a citizen whose public spirit can always be depended upon to support those movements which are most essential to community welfare. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees. On November 28, 1900, at Sandusky, he married Miss Ida Killian, daughter of Peter and Catherine Killian. To their marriage have been born three children: Emily, born July 21, 1901; Alton, born November 8, 1903; and Alfred, born June 2, 1905.

Elbert B. Welch. One of the representative citizens who are effectively demonstrating the possibilities for splendid success in the industry of fruit culture in Erie County is Mr. Welch, whose extensive yearly products are sold at wholesale and who also gives special attention to the raising of vegetables for the wholesale market. His well

Alfred Schnurr

improved farm of 135 acres is eligibly situated in Vermilion Township, and the greater portion of the place is devoted to fruit-growing and diversified horticulture, though he carries forward equally successful operations as a general agriculturist and stock-grower.

In the township that now represents his home Mr. Welch was born on the 15th of October, 1866, and he is a son of Thomas and Emily (Ball) Welch, the former of whom was born in the north of Ireland and the latter in Vermilion Township, Erie County, Ohio, where her parents settled in the early pioneer days. Jesse Ball, the maternal grandfather of the subject of this review, was one of the first settlers in Vermilion Township, where he established his home in 1816, his pioneer homestead, which came into his possession virtually a century ago, having been on the shore of Lake Erie and west of the present Village of Vermilion. In 1818 he settled on the farm now owned by him whose name introduces this article, in the southern part of Vermilion Township. Here he erected as the family domicile a primitive log cabin, which continued his place of abode for many years, the while he was putting forth untiring effort in reclaiming his land from the wilderness and bringing it under cultivation. In 1842 he erected a frame house, which is still standing and in an excellent state of preservation. On this old homestead this sterling pioneer and his noble wife passed the remainder of their lives, and their names merit place on the permanent pages of Erie County history.

Thomas Welch was reared and educated in his native land and immigrated to the United States between the years 1848 and 1850. He finally came to Erie County and he became one of the prosperous agriculturists and representative citizens of Vermilion Township, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in November, 1895, his wife surviving him by several years and having passed her entire life in Erie County.

Elbert B. Welch grew to adult age under the invigorating influences of the home farm, and in addition to receiving the advantages of the public schools of Vermilion Township he attended also an excellent private school conducted by Prof. Job Fish, in Florence Township. That he made good use of the educational opportunities thus presented is demonstrated by the fact that during eight winter terms he was found engaged as a youthful but specially successful teacher in the rural schools of Vermilion and Florence townships. From his youth to the present day he has given loyal allegiance to the great basic industry of agriculture, and he has made the ancestral homestead one of the model farmsteads of Vermilion Township. In the wholesale distribution of his large annual crops of fruit and vegetables he finds his principal market in the City of Lorain, and he is known as one of the enterprising agriculturists and fruit-growers of his native county and as a citizen of utmost progressiveness and public spirit. His political support is given to the republican party, and at Vermilion he is affiliated with Lakeview Camp No. 6250, Modern Woodmen of America.

On the 5th of January, 1890, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Welch and Miss Edith Sutton, who likewise was born and reared in Vermilion Township and who is a daughter of Nelson Sutton, her father having come to Erie County from the State of New York and having become one of the pioneer farmers of Vermilion Township. For some time Mr. Sutton operated a saw mill, the power for which he supplied by constructing a dam across LaChappel Creek. Mr. and Mrs. Welch have two children, Earl S., who is associated with the work and management of the home farm, and married Winafred T. Page of Cleveland, Ohio; and Velma M., who is now a resident of Lorain, Lorain County.

Mr. Welch is a director of the Erie County Banking Company, at

Vermilion, and is second vice president of this substantial and popular institution. Other capitalistic investments further indicate the solidity of his achievement as a man of affairs, and it may specially be noted he was one of the organizers of the Vermilion Telephone Company, of the directorate of which he is still a member. He was the promoter and organizer of the Diamond Cheese Company, at Axtel, Vermilion Township, and has been its secretary from the time of its incorporation. Since 1903 Mr. Welch has been prominently concerned with the live-stock industry in this section of the state, as a breeder and grower of registered Holstein cattle, and of the same he has made large sales for feeding purposes. To A. W. Leadrich he sold a Holstein heifer that won the world's championship prize as a senior 2-year-old, this distinction having been gained by standard official tests. He has in stock at the present time, in the autumn of 1915, fourteen head of registered Holstein cattle of the best strains for milk and butter production, and he has done much to raise the standard of the cattle industry in his native county, besides which he has been for the past twenty years a successful breeder of high-grade Berkshire swine, his homestead being now known as the Diamond Stock Farm. He continued his residence on his fine homestead farm until 1914, when he removed with his family to the City of Lorain, about twenty miles distant, where he has since continued his residence, with a wide circle of friends in both Erie and Lorain counties. His success has been of unequivocal order and has given patent evidence of his energy, his initiative ability and his progressive policies, besides which he has so ordered his course as to merit and receive the unqualified confidence and good will of those with whom he has come in contact in the varied relations of life.

Edward Henry Marsh, born September 14, 1851, in Cincinnati, Ohio, the son of Edward Lockwood and Lucetta Robinson (Hole) Marsh, has been a resident of Sandusky, Ohio, for the past forty-three years. In the year 1879 he married Caroline Mackey Lea, youngest daughter of James D. and Caroline Mackey Lea, pioneer residents of Sandusky and Erie County, and to this union two children were born, Edward Lea and Caroline Lea, who survived the death of their mother, which occurred June 10, 1885. Mr. Marsh never remarried.

On the death of his father, in 1884, he succeeded him as a member of the firm of Marsh & Company, which was established in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1843. Marsh & Company were the pioneer manufacturers of plaster of paris in Ohio. In 1886 he became sole owner of the business and immediately abandoned the Sandusky plant that was located at the foot of Wayne Street for more than thirty-four years and erected a mill of much greater capacity and commenced the development on a larger scale of the gypsum deposit and property, known as the "Carrielea Farm," at Plaster Beds, Ottawa County, Ohio.

Mr. Marsh never aspired to public honors; his inclination has been to foster and encourage by active participation in financial, industrial and social life of the community the best and highest ideals of citizenship. His travels have extended not only throughout the United States, but in many foreign countries.

Henry Trieschmann. One of the largest vineyards on Kelleys Island is owned by Henry Trieschmann. It comprises 100 acres devoted to the growing and culture of grapes. For a great many years one of the principal industries carried on at Kelleys Island has been grape culture, and Mr. Trieschmann has been one of the active citizens and business men most closely identified with that particular line of endeavor.

His home has been on Kelleys Island for upwards of half a century.

Edward H. Marsh.

He was born September 8, 1843, in the Province of Hesse, Germany, and was reared and educated in his native land and lived there until he was twenty-three. In 1866 he came to America with a brother. His first location was in Sandusky, where he followed his trade as a butcher. Afterwards he went to Cincinnati and was in the same line of business for eight months, but returned to Sandusky and continued to make his home in that city for two years.

It was in 1870 that Mr. Trieschmann moved to Kelleys Island, and here for the past forty-five years he has conducted the chief butchering and retail meat business on the island.

As a vineyardist Mr. Trieschmann is also a director and treasurer of the Sweet Valley Wine Company. He is a member of the Kelleys Island School Board, and in politics is independent. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Maccabees. His interests also include the ownership of some valuable resident property, and for a great many years it has been his habit as well as his pleasure to take part in every public and civic movement for the good of the village in which he resides.

Mr. Trieschmann is married and is the father of a family of seven children, five of them still living, namely: Henry A., Emma, Katie, Clara and Julia.

Hewson L. Peeke. The publishers on their own responsibility desire to make some record of the career and services of Hewson L. Peeke, who has contributed the material forming the general history of Erie County to these volumes.

Mr. Peeke has been a resident of Sandusky since December, 1883. He was born in South Bend, Indiana, April 20, 1861. A part of his youth was spent in the City of Chicago, where he graduated from high school in 1878. He took his collegiate work in Williams College, where he graduated in 1882, and in the following year on account of ill health he went out to Dakota Territory. His experiences in gaining admission to the bar of the territory and his subsequent law studies after locating in Ohio have been recounted on other pages. Mr. Peeke was admitted to the Ohio bar January 7, 1885, and at once took up practice at Sandusky.

It can be said with truth that few lawyers have had a larger and more profitable practice than Mr. Peeke in Sandusky. He has attended to his legal business with a scrupulous care that has gained him the esteem not only of a large circle of clients but of the fellow members at the bar. His standing in the profession was given an unqualified testimonial when he was recently chosen as the prohibition candidate for the Supreme judgeship of Ohio. There were fourteen candidates for the three seats to be filled on the Supreme bench, and Mr. Peeke stood third in the size of the vote cast in Erie County. It is with proper pride that he cherishes as a memento of this campaign a testimonial of confidence which was signed by thirty members of the county bar, in fact all but two. This testimonial reads as follows:

"We the members of the bar of Erie county desire in this manner to express our commendation of the candidacy of H. L. Peeke for the office of Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio, and in support thereof offer the following considerations:

"1. We believe him competent to fill the office with credit to himself, the profession and the people of the State of Ohio.

"2. Mr. Peeke is about fifty-one years of age and has practiced law in the State of Ohio for about thirty years, and has enjoyed a large practice in both the State and Federal court. In all of his practice he has merited the confidence of the members of the bar, and the judiciary,

and has maintained an enviable reputation of loyalty and fidelity to his clients.

"3. Northern Ohio has not been represented upon the Supreme bench for many years and is entitled to representation this year."

Mr. Peeke is a man of varied interests and attainments. He has always been interested in things literary, and particularly in history, and it was his enthusiasm for local history and his desire to do something to preserve in permanent form the records of Erie County that led to his taking up the work represented in this publication.

Politically he has for fully thirty years been identified with the prohibition party. In fact, he cast his first ballot for the prohibition ticket in 1885. He has always advocated the idea that the platform of the party should be confined to prohibition, and has consistently urged that principle in both the state and national council of the party. He was first candidate for the office of judge of the Supreme Court on the prohibition ticket in 1891. In 1900 he was a candidate for presidential elector. In 1902 he was candidate for Congress in the Thirteenth Ohio District. He was chosen grand chief templar of the Ohio Grand Lodge of Good Templars in 1902. In 1901 he formed the Cornerstone Publishing Company in order to publish the Ohio state prohibition paper. At the Akron State Convention he was both permanent and temporary chairman in 1901. He has served a number of places on the state and national committees of the prohibition party, and in 1912 became a member of the national committee, a delegate at large to the national convention, and was chairman of the state committee. He was also permanent chairman of the prohibition state convention at Springfield in May, 1903, and was chairman of the State Central Committee in the years 1905-06-07. He was temporary chairman of the Ohio State Convention at Columbus in 1908. In 1904 he was a delegate at large from Ohio to the Indianapolis convention and a delegate from Ohio to the national convention at Columbus in 1908.